

## MHIC News

### Celebrating Excellence, MHIC Presents Awards at its 27th Annual Meeting

June 5, 2018, Boston – At its 27th annual meeting and awards ceremony, Massachusetts Housing Investment Corporation (MHIC) presented **Excellence Awards** to individuals and organizations for their “vision, commitment, perseverance and results.” The meeting was held at the Parker House and attended by more than 250 people.

Opening the presentations, MHIC president Joe Flatley, said, “It’s a great pleasure to use this forum to single out a few of our many wonderful partners who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in a very challenging field. We hold up the work of these individuals and their organizations as models, and to publicly recognize what they have done for their communities.”



L-R: Rusty Aertsen, Janet Frazier, Maloney Properties; Marc Marcelli, NEI General Contracting; Kassandra Martin, NEI General Contracting; Andre Barbour, NEI General Contracting; Marc Marcelli, NEI Contracting; Carol Fuller, NEI General Contracting; Kate Racer, Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development; Joe Flatley.

Awards were presented to:

**Kate Racer**, Associate director of the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development, received an **Excellence in Affordable Housing** award for her incredible stewardship of state and federal affordable housing resource for more than two decades, her thoughtful management and sound policies, and for the respect she has earned from all quarters – developers, local officials, legislators, investors and partners.

Mr. Flatley said “Kate has managed a very complex and competitive process with integrity, discipline, and an eye for impact. Her work has resulted in the production and preservation

of over 75,000 units of affordable housing. And the legislature's support for affordable housing programs has been exemplary – with the recent \$1.8 billion bond bill – which demonstrates their confidence in the administration of these programs.”

**NEI General Contracting**, an award-winning general contracting and construction management firm, received an **Excellence in Minority Participation and Diversity** award for their commitment to creating access and opportunity for people of color and minority-owned businesses, and for ensuring that their work has a lasting impact on the communities in which they build.

Travis Watson, MHIC community impact officer, presented the award to members of NEI General Contracting's compliance team – Carol Fuller, Benjamin Coulehan, Cassandra Martin and Andre Barbour – and Marc Marcelli, Director of NEI's Northeast Construction Operations. He said, “NEI General Contracting has demonstrated their belief that the most successful projects are those that engage with and reflect the communities in which they are building. Clearly, they appreciate that developing long term, capacity building relationships with emerging contractors will have a lasting effect on the individual workers and the community in which they live.”

Mr. Watson said that NEI General Contracting awarded \$21 million to minority-owned businesses on the last three of their MHIC-financed projects (40% of total contracts) and directed 65% of hours worked on these projects to people of color.

**Maloney Properties, Inc.**, a Wellesley-based property management company that provides comprehensive services to a wide range of property owners and developers, received an **Excellence in Affordable Housing** award for their outstanding dedication to affordable housing through exceptional property management, development of resident social programs and continued efforts to strengthen the communities in which they work.

Melissa Sheeler, MHIC deputy director of asset management, presented the award to Maloney Properties CEO Janet Frazier, saying that the company “deserves to be honored for its vision and dedication to always put people first.” Ms. Sheeler complimented Maloney Properties for its ongoing commitment to working with nonprofit developers and owners and for fostering an inclusive company culture that extends into the greater community.

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