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U.S. Treasury Awards \$3.5 Billion in New Markets Tax Credit Allocation Awards for Economic Development and Community Revitalization

Total for Massachusetts is \$130 Million, with MHIC Getting the Largest Slice at \$65 Million

April 24, 2013 -- The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund) today announced that 85 organizations nationwide have been selected to receive \$3.5 billion in New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) nationwide under the tenth award round of the NMTC Program.

Three Massachusetts-based entities were among the recipients, with MHIC getting the largest award at \$65 million. MHIC is among the top recipients in the country and the largest with only a designated regional market. Other Massachusetts recipients were: MassDevelopment, which received \$40 million, and The Community Builders, Inc., which received \$25 million.

Created by Congress in 2000, the NMTC Program helps economically distressed communities attract private investment capital by providing investors with a Federal tax credit. Investments made through the NMTC Program are used to finance businesses and real estate projects, breathing new life into neglected, underserved low-income communities.

"The New Markets Tax Credit addresses one of the most significant obstacles to economic development that low-income communities face: a lack of access to patient, private investment capital," said Treasury Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions Cyrus Amir-Mokri.

The 85 organizations receiving awards under the 2012 round were selected from a pool of 282 applicants that requested approximately \$21.9 billion. They are headquartered in 28 states and the District of Columbia, but will be providing services in a wide range of local and state areas as well as on the national level.

"Naturally, MHIC is pleased about this award. It means that we can continue to build on the expertise we have developed using New Markets Tax Credit financing for projects that create jobs and economic opportunity throughout New England," said MHIC President Joe Flatley.

In the ten rounds to date, the CDFI Fund has made 749 allocation awards totaling \$36.5 billion in tax credit authority, including \$3 billion in Recovery Act awards and \$1 billion that was specifically set aside for recovery and redevelopment in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

To date, MHIC has received nine awards, bringing its total allocation to \$677 million. Under its NMTC program, MHIC has financed 62 projects totaling \$571 million in investment throughout New England. Recent projects have included expansion and historic renovation of the Holyoke Public Library, financing of the first phase of the redevelopment of Jackson Square in Boston, and financing of Dudley Municipal

Center, the City of Boston's highest redevelopment priority, creating a new administrative headquarters for the Boston Public School Department.

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