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HACLA's Section 8 Program Receives "High Performer" Designation from HUD

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has completed its Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) Review and has determined that the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) is a "High" Performer, for the fourth consecutive year. Not only did HACLA achieve High Performer status in the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011, for the first time in its history it achieved a **perfect score of 100**.

"Over 47,000 families rely on this program to access affordable housing. The Housing Choice Voucher program is a critical safety net; not only does it provide rental assistance but it gives our residents an opportunity to choose a community with better schools for their children. I am pleased that HACLA continues to administer this program in a highly effective manner with a service oriented approach for our residents." said HACLA President and CEO Doug Guthrie.

The SEMAP is a "report card" for public housing agencies (PHAs) who administer the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8). The review assesses Public Housing Authority's (PHA) quality control system with respect to compliance with program requirements and program management. HUD assigns this rating annually. High Performer rating is achieved when a Housing Authority receives a SEMAP score of at least 90%.

The SEMAP measures PHAs performance in 14 key areas to assess whether PHAs help eligible families to afford decent rental units at a reasonable subsidy cost as intended by Federal housing legislation. The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles is one of the few large agencies to receive a "High" performance rating from HUD.

HACLA administers the second largest Section 8 Program in the country, with an allocation of 47,459 Housing Choice Vouchers.

