

***MAVERICK LANDING WINS 2009 I. DONALD TERNER PRIZE***

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Maverick Landing is the winner of the 2009 I. Donald Turner Prize, which recognizes successful and innovative affordable housing projects and their leadership teams. The winner was chosen from 53 applications from over 21 states.

In 1996, visionary leader in the affordable housing field Don Turner tragically lost his life during a humanitarian mission to Bosnia. This biennale prize was created to commemorate his legacy and inspire projects that best exemplify his spirit and commitment to affordable housing. The purpose of the prize is to spread Turner's vision and principles by identifying best practices in the affordable housing field.

The winning project, Maverick Landing, was developed by Trinity Financial, inc. and the East Boston Community Development Corporation, and designed by ICON Architecture. A transit-oriented development, Maverick Landing, is Massachusetts's first green, affordable multi-family housing development, adhering to "healthy homes" principles and achieving LEED certification, is a model for projects funded through the Federal Housing and Urban Development HOPE VI program. The project restores historic street patterns and reconnects residents with the surrounding community. The site offers public open spaces including a park at one corner of the development, a crescent shape of townhouses that invites the public waterfront park into the development and broad walkways that link a community center with housing on all sides.

"The Turner Prize showcases the leadership required to overcome the many obstacles to building affordable housing," said Doug Abbey, Prize Chair and Founder of IHP Capital Partners. "Quality, quantity and affordability, was Don's mantra and the prize is designed to recognize innovation in design, construction, financing, impact on residents lives and building thriving communities."

On February 5, 2009, the winner and finalists were honored during the 2009 Housing Policy Forum at the Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley. The Forum was sponsored by the BRIDGE Housing Corporation, UC Berkeley's Fisher Center for Real Estate & Urban Economics and the Urban Land Institute.