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**California Department of Housing and Community Development Assistant  
Deputy Director Honored with Innovation Award**

**SACRAMENTO** –The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is pleased to announce that Assistant Deputy Director Doug Hensel was selected as the winner of the Government Innovation Award by Sacramento Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA).

Mr. Hensel was recognized, along with Dave Walls, Executive Director of the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC), for his work in developing the nation's first statewide "green" building code. The award is presented to an individual or organization that has implemented a new program, policy or solution that has made a significant improvement in public service delivery or performance.

HCD, led by Mr. Hensel, developed the residential green building standards in collaboration with the CBSC, stakeholder groups and other state agencies. Staff reviewed existing green building standards, best practices, guidelines and other published materials to develop a code for new low-rise residential construction. The code will take effect on January 1, 2011.

"California continues to pave the way in energy efficiency and environmental protection," said HCD Director Lynn L. Jacobs. "Doug recognizes the importance of continually improving the state building codes and standards to help improve sustainability."

Since 1982, ASPA Sacramento has honored outstanding local individuals, organizations, and programs for excellence in public administration. Mr. Hensel and Mr. Walls will be honored at an awards dinner in Sacramento on Thursday, May 6.

"When innovation in government is paired with efficiency, collaboration and responsiveness, it's time to take note," said Lisa Beutler, President of ASPA Sacramento. "Doug Hensel and Dave Walls worked collaboratively to establish green building standards that will benefit future generations of Californians, as well as help California be a recognized leader in environmentally friendly residential construction."

Mr. Hensel was appointed Assistant Chief of the Housing Standards Section for the Codes and Standard Division at HCD in 2006. Prior to HCD, he spent 17 years working in local Building

Departments as a permit center manager, plans examiner, inspector and capital improvement project manager. He is a licensed General Contractor and a Certified Building Official.

HCD provides leadership, policies and programs to preserve and expand safe and affordable housing opportunities and promote strong communities for all Californians. The Department also supports increasing the supply of housing, especially affordable housing and works to improve the state's housing conditions and the health and safety of its residents. As the lead housing department, HCD is part of the state Business, Transportation and Housing Agency.

For more information on California's Green Building Standards, visit [http://www.hcd.ca.gov/codes/shl/2010codeadoptproj\\_part11.html](http://www.hcd.ca.gov/codes/shl/2010codeadoptproj_part11.html) or <http://www.bsc.ca.gov/CALGreen/default.htm>

For more information on ASPA, visit <http://www.aspa-sacramento.org/>.

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