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2007-'08 COMMUNITY VISION AWARD RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED Winners to be recognized at Panel Discussion on Urban Reinvestment and Partnerships, February 14, 2008

CHICAGO (February 13, 2008) – Town Center in Bartlett, Illinois and Park Boulevard in Chicago were named the 2007-'08 Community Vision Award Recipients recognized jointly by ULI Chicago, the Home Builders Association of Greater Chicago (HBAGC), the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC), and the Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC). Special recognition was also given to The Center on Halsted in Chicago. The annual award recognizes projects and communities that demonstrate excellence in applying sound land use principles and demonstrate best practices within the Chicago region.

Award recipients will be honored on February 14, 2008 at a morning panel discussion on urban reinvestment and partnerships. Panelists include: Doug Guthrie, President, Kimball Hill Urban Centers, LLC; Catherine J. Melchert, Village President, Village of Bartlett; and, Christopher Pine, Senior Vice President, Bond Companies.

Town Center, located in downtown Bartlett, Illinois, is a mixed-use project that includes green spaces, residential, retail, community space and a new Community Center. Park Boulevard, 47 West 35th Street, Chicago, is a mixed-income residential development plan for the redevelopment of the former Chicago public housing site, Stateway Gardens. The Center on Halsted, 3656 North Halsted, Chicago, is a mixed-use community center that serves to meet the needs of the neighborhood by offering a variety of community services as well as retail space.

The Community Vision Award recognizes projects and communities that demonstrate excellence in five key areas: location; density, design and diversity of uses; transportation, mobility and accessibility; environment; and, community assets. The Community Vision Award is judged by a panel of ULI Chicago, HBAGC, MMC and MPC members. This is the fourth year for the CVA program. A list of previous winners can be found at www.chicago.uli.org.

To register for the February 14, 2008 panel discussion/awards recognition event, please contact ULI Chicago at 773-549-4972.

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*The **Home Builders Association of Greater Chicago** (HBAGC) is a trade association whose members are involved in the home building industry and allied segments of residential construction. A not-for-profit organization, the Association provides its members with networking and educational opportunities and represents them in matters of government relations and advocacy. Founded in 1939 and headquartered in Lombard, Illinois, the HBAGC covers Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will Counties and is the oldest affiliate of the National Association of Home Builders located in Washington, D.C. The Association has conferred Key Awards since 1972. For more information, visit www.hbagc.com.*

*The **Metropolitan Mayors Caucus** (MMC) provides a forum through which the chief elected officials of the region cooperatively develop consensus on common public policy issues and multi-jurisdictional challenges. For more information, visit www.mayorscaucus.org.*

*Founded in 1934, the **Metropolitan Planning Council** (MPC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan group of business and civic leaders committed to serving the public interest through the promotion and implementation of sensible planning and development policies necessary for an economically competitive Chicago region. MPC researches and develops policy recommendations and conducts outreach and advocacy in partnership with public officials and community leaders to enhance equity of opportunity and quality of life throughout metropolitan Chicago. For more information, visit www.metroplanning.org.*