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Realtors® Association Receives Award from Human Resources Association

Lake Worth, FL (October 21, 2005) – The Realtors® Association of the Palm Beaches (RAPB) received an Honorable Mention at the 2005 Best Practices Award from the Human Resources Association of Broward County on October 19th at the Signature Grand Hotel in Davie, FL. Recognizing programs that advance the field of human resources, this year’s Best Practices Awards was sponsored by Humana.

RAPB’s new Employer-Assisted Housing Benefits (EAH) Program was highlighted as an innovative program local employers can tap into to help their employees get on the path of home ownership. EAH is part of a workforce housing initiative called “Housing Palm Beach County’s Workforce”, which was launched in April 2005 by the Realtors® Association of the Palm Beaches. “Housing Palm Beach County’s Workforce” is a public/private effort that encourages Realtors® and local companies to work together to develop Employer Assisted Housing (EAH) Benefit Plans for their employees. These EAH plans include incentives such as home-buying workshops, in-depth counseling through non-profit agencies, information about local housing assistance programs, and technical assistance in establishing down payment assistance programs.

These EAH plans benefit employers by giving them tools to help their employees live closer to their workplace, resulting in lower turnover, reduced hiring and training costs, higher employee morale and loyalty, and an improved community image. The City of West Palm Beach, the Boca Raton Resort & Club, Belcan Engineering, The City of Lake Worth and Palm Beach Community College, are among the first in Palm Beach County to develop EAH programs.

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