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South Side Chicago Affordable housing wins energy conservation award

POAH's Woodlawn Center South development has been selected as the 'Multi-family' category winner for the 2013 Residential Energy Efficiency Award by the State and Local Energy Report, a quarterly magazine that focuses on energy-related issues. The project was lauded as an excellent example of what organizations can achieve with creative thinking, new technologies and dedication,

As the first building of the multi-phase redevelopment of the former Grove Parc Apartments, POAH's goal was to ensure that the 67 apartments at Woodlawn Center South would be both attractive and sustainable. The building was designed to be energy efficient and environmentally responsible including super insulated slab walls and roofs, installation of low U value (low energy loss) windows, and an air-tight building envelope. On the outside 100% of all storm water on site returns to the source by using sustainable paving techniques and catch basins that also serve as planting beds for flowers and shrubs.

"We're delighted with the award," says Bill Eager, Vice President, POAH Chicago. "We build first and foremost for the benefit of our future tenants; it's a great pleasure when sensible work is honored for its community benefit as well."

The winners of the State & Local Energy Report Residential Energy Efficiency Awards will be featured in the May issue of the State & Local Energy Report.