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Call for Entries: 14th Annual MetLife Foundation Awards for Excellence in Affordable Housing
Competition to Focus on Green, Senior Living

(Los Angeles, July 20, 2009) –The 14th Annual MetLife Awards for Excellence in Affordable Housing is officially open for entries. Enterprise Community Partners and MetLife Foundation have focused this year’s competition on best practices in the area of affordable, independent senior living and environmentally responsive housing. The deadline for entries is Friday, August 14, 2009.

“The need for quality, supportive living environments for seniors is growing as the population of older Americans explodes over the next ten years. Decent, affordable senior housing is critical to allowing individuals to age with dignity,” said Kimberlee Cornett, vice president for Vulnerable Populations, Enterprise Community Partners. “With this competition, we’re looking for the best examples in the field to exemplify model approaches to caring for elder citizens who have low incomes.”

The Awards were created to highlight leadership, innovation, services delivery and effectiveness and quality operations in affordable housing. The four winning organizations will receive \$50,000 each in unrestricted funds. Entries must be from recognized 501(c)(3) community-based or regional nonprofit organizations and Tribes/Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHES) that are located in one of 14 priority states:

- California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Virginia, Washington

Each entry must also include information on the use of green methods and materials.

Submissions for the 2009 MetLife Foundation Awards for Excellence in Affordable Housing must be received via email by 12:00 midnight Pacific Standard Time, Friday August 14, 2009. The awards will be presented to the four winning organizations via a web-based awards ceremony, in early November.

For more information and/or to apply, visit metlifeawards.enterprisecommunity.org

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MetLife Foundation was established by MetLife in 1976 to carry on its longstanding tradition of corporate contributions and community involvement. Grants support education, health, civic and cultural programs. MetLife and MetLife Foundation have supported Enterprise’s housing and neighborhood revitalization initiatives with grants and loans of almost \$59 million. For more information about the Foundation, visit www.metlife.org.

Enterprise is a leading provider of the development capital and expertise it takes to create decent, affordable homes and rebuild communities. For more than 25 years, Enterprise has introduced neighborhood solutions through public-private partnerships with financial institutions, governments, community organizations and others that share our vision. Enterprise has raised and invested more than \$10 billion in equity, grants and loans to help build or preserve more than a quarter million affordable rental and for-sale homes to create vital communities. Enterprise is currently investing in communities at a rate of \$1 billion a year. Visit www.enterprisecommunity.org and www.enterprisecommunity.com to learn more about Enterprise's efforts to build communities and opportunity.