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USDA Recognizes Top National Lending Partners to Support Rural Homeownership

WASHINGTON, June 8, 2022 – The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) today hosted the 2022 National Lender of the Year Awards Ceremony to recognize it's the work of its top three national lending partners to support rural homeownership in 2021. These three lenders helped rural families and individuals buy homes nationwide last year through USDA Rural Development's <u>Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program</u>.

The agency presented the awards to:

- Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, based in Wisconsin.
- Movement Mortgage, based in South Carolina.
- <u>Caliber Home Loans Inc.</u>, based in Texas.

USDA is a proud partner to all lenders who work with the agency to support rural homeownership. Since January 2021, the Biden Harris Administration has invested \$24.7 million to help more than 136,000 people in rural and tribal communities buy and build homes through the Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program. USDA Rural Development has partnered with local lenders to help more than 30,000 people in socially vulnerable communities buy and build homes.

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