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Administrator, executive level staff named at Nevada Housing Division

Bruce K. Johnson appointed as Housing Division Administrator

Las Vegas, NV- The Department of Business and Industry announces the appointment of Bruce K. Johnson as Housing Division Administrator effective September 2. Johnson will be based out of the division's Las Vegas office.

Johnson has over 13 years of experience working in and managing affordable housing programs. He most recently managed housing programs for the City of Philadelphia. Previously, he worked for the Philadelphia Housing Authority, New Jersey Housing Mortgage and Finance Agency and Pennrose Management Company. Johnson received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Temple University and a Master's of Public Administration degree from Villanova University.

"After graduating from Temple University I knew I wanted to work in one of the following three public sector fields: housing, education, or healthcare. Working in the housing field was overwhelmingly my first choice and providing safe and quality housing opportunities to the public has been my professional passion ever since." said Johnson.

Several other division executive level vacancies have also been filled including Deputy Administrator Nicole Holloway, Chief of Federal and State Programs Michael Dang, Economist Elizabeth Fadali and Chief Assistant Nicole Nelsen.

Deputy Administrator Nicole Holloway brings more than 15 years of senior management experience in the multifamily and affordable housing industry. She most recently served as a Public Housing Asset Manager (PHAM) for 10 years with the Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin. Prior to that, she worked for Human Services Projects Inc., San Joaquin Fair Housing, and City of Stockton Code Enforcement.

Holloway possesses certifications as a Public Housing Asset Manager and is a member of National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO).

Michael Dang joined the Division on July 1 as Chief of Federal and State Programs. He brings more than 16 years of real estate finance, project planning and design and development work. He previously served on affordable housing advisory groups for the Mayor of Honolulu and the Governor of the State of Hawaii. Dang has extensive experience in underwriting land and construction projects, acquisition and divestitures as well as affordable housing projects and bond issues. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Hawaii and a Master's of Business Administration and Juris Doctorate degree from Brigham Young University.

Economist Elisabeth Fadali joined the Division on August 16. Previously, Fadali worked as a research associate at the Center for Economic Development at the University of Nevada. Prior to that she worked for the Nevada Office of the State Demographer. She earned a bachelor's degree in Mathematics from the University of Wyoming and a Master of Science degree in Agricultural Economics and a Ph.D. in Resource Economics from the University of Nevada, Reno.

Nicole Nelsen will serve as the Administrator's Chief Assistant. She has a number of years working in the public and nonprofit sectors including five years at the State of Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in human resources and training and employment with a national nonprofit housing provider. She has managed a number of housing programs including Section 8, LIHTC and USDA Rural Development. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Management in Idaho and an MBA from the University of Phoenix.

Johnson, Holloway and Nelsen are located in the Las Vegas office; Dang and Fadali are based in the Carson City office.

About the Housing Division

Created by the Nevada Legislature in 1975, the Nevada Housing Division is mandated to provide safe, decent and affordable housing to low-to-moderate income Nevadans. The Division provides low interest rate mortgages and down payment assistance to qualifying individuals and provides funding for affordable multifamily housing developments for seniors and families. In addition, the Division oversees the Hardest Hit Fund, which assists homeowners at risk of default or foreclosure.