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**SMOKEFREE HOUSING PROJECT NAMES  
'CHAMPIONS OF NO-SMOKING POLICIES'**

*Regional Property Management Companies Recognized for Smokefree Policies*

**Portland, Ore. – Aug. 29, 2008** – [American Lung Association of Oregon](http://www.lungoregon.org) (ALAO) and its Smokefree Housing Project partners, named its 2008 “Champions of No-Smoking Policies” yesterday, at its annual Smokefree Housing Project advisory board luncheon. The inaugural awards, which recognize regional property management companies that have lead the way in initiating no-smoking policies, were presented by Jim Wiard, vice president of property management for recognized smokefree housing pioneer Guardian Management LLC. The three honorees were named based on number of units owned.

**Award Recipients by Number of Units:**

- Less than 100 units: Windsor Investments
- 100 to 500 units: L. Moore Property Management Inc.
- More than 500 units: Bristol Equities Inc.

“Secondhand smoke is responsible for approximately 3,000 lung cancer deaths and tens of thousands of coronary heart disease deaths each year,” said Colleen Hermann-Franzen, smokefree housing manager for the ALAO. “The property managers recognized today have taken the lead in implementing no-smoking policies, safeguarding their renters from secondhand smoke. The American Lung Association of Oregon commends and thanks them for their continued leadership.”

To receive the award, 90 percent of the honoree’s units must be smokefree and located in the Portland-Vancouver metro area. Windsor, L. Moore and Bristol were selected from more than 120 property management companies.

"We are honored to be recognized by the American Lung Association of Oregon with this award," said Bristol Equities Inc. general manager, Kirsten Bailey. "Our residents and employees have been very receptive to the cleaner environment and better air quality as a result of the No-smoking policy. It has been a timely and positive change for our company."

**Windsor Investments LLC**

Founded in 1980, Windsor Investments LLC was named the ALAO’s “Champion of No-Smoking Policies” in the category of less than 100 units. The company currently has 80 units in the Portland-Vancouver metro area. A long-time proponent of smokefree policies, Windsor re-rented each of its vacant apartments by 1998 as a no-smoking unit with only a few smoking units remaining after three

years. The company's smokefree policies have played a critical role in helping it increase employee health and satisfaction.

### **L. Moore Property Management Inc.**

L. Moore Property Management Inc. entered the rental business in 1995 offering only smokefree housing. With 235 units, the company is the ALAO's 2008 "Champion of No-Smoking Policies" in the category of 100 to 500 units. L. Moore Property cited heavy clean-up expenses and increased demand for smokefree housing as the main reasons for going smokefree at all properties.

### **Bristol Equities Inc.**

Founded in 1990, Bristol Equities Inc. is this year's "Champion of No-Smoking Policies" in the category of more than 500 units. Bristol introduced non-smoking living in 2005, with all of its 600 units in Portland, Ore., and Tacoma, Wash., implementing smokefree policies by 2007. The company initially introduced smokefree policies to reduce turnover costs and fire hazards, and it has since expanded its policies as a result of positive feedback from residents and potential renters.

### **About Smokefree Housing Project**

The Portland, Ore., and Vancouver, Wash., Metro Area Smokefree Housing Project offers smokefree housing resources to landlords and tenants in a four-county area. The project is led by the American Lung Association of Oregon and the health departments of Clark County, Wash., and Oregon's Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties. In the Portland-Vancouver area alone, the project has identified approximately 2,000 properties and 14,000 units that are covered by a non-smoking policy. Additional information about smokefree policies is available at:

[www.smokefreehousingNW.com](http://www.smokefreehousingNW.com).

### **About the American Lung Association of Oregon (ALAO)**

The [American Lung Association of Oregon](http://www.lungoregon.org) (ALAO) is the oldest, nationwide, nonprofit, voluntary public health organization in Oregon. The mission of ALAO is to prevent lung disease and to promote lung health. Programs focus on asthma, clean air, tobacco prevention and lung disease. For more information, visit [www.lungoregon.org](http://www.lungoregon.org).

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