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Affordable award

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Affirmed Housing Group's Auburn Park Apartments was recently honored with the 2008 Gold Nugget "Award of Merit" in the Affordable Housing category at the 45th annual Gold Nugget Awards held at the Pacific Coast Builders Conference in San Francisco.

Gold Nuggets honor creative achievements in architectural design and land use planning for residential, commercial and industrial projects.

Auburn Park, which was designed by **Studio E Architects** and built by **Wermer's Multi-Family Corp.**, was also recently named the San Diego Housing Federation's Housing Project of the Year.

The 69-unit Auburn Park affordable apartment community serves very low- and low-income individuals, families and seniors earning 30 to 60 percent of the San Diego County-area median income.

It features 10 studios, 26 one-bedroom, 12 two-bedroom and 21 three-bedroom units. The apartment also includes space available for neighborhood meetings and on-site parking in a subterranean garage.

Affirmed Housing Group has developed many award-winning affordable housing projects in San Diego and throughout California, according to Jim Silverwood, president. Most recently the company celebrated the start of construction of the 229-unit Ten Fifty B, San Diego's first 100 percent affordable highrise.

Completion is anticipated in early 2010.