

STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

USDA Recognizes Top National Lending Partners for their Support of Homeowners in Rural America

WASHINGTON, June 13, 2024 – Today, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) hosted the 2024 National Lender of the Year Awards Ceremony to recognize the work of its top national lending partners supporting rural homeownership. These lenders helped rural families and individuals buy homes across the nation last year through USDA Rural Development’s [Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program](#).

The agency presented awards to the following lenders:

- **USDA 2024 Top State Lender Champion Award**
 - 1st - HR Mortgage Corp, based in Puerto Rico
 - 2nd - Gum Tree Mortgage, based in Mississippi
 - 3rd - Jersey Shore State Bank, based in Pennsylvania
- **USDA 2024 Underwriting Quality Champion Award**
 - 1st – Banco Popular de Puerto Rico
 - 2nd – NVR Mortgage Finance
 - 3rd – Mortgage Investors Group
- **USDA 2024 Top Servicers Award**
 - 1st - Wells Fargo
 - 2nd - PennyMac
 - 3rd - ServiceMac
- **USDA 2024 Top Wholesale Lender Champion Award**
 - 1st - United Wholesale Mortgage LLC
 - 2nd - Equity Prime Mortgage
 - 3rd - Click N Close
 - 4th - NewRez
 - 5th - Flagstar Bank
- **USDA 2024 Single Close Construction Origination Champion**
 - Stockton Mortgage
- **USDA 2024 Single Close Construction Wholesale Champion**
 - American Financial Resources

- **USDA 2024 Rehab and Repair Champion**
 - Plaza Home Mortgage
- **USDA 2024 Manufactured Housing Origination Champion**
 - Atlantic Bay Mortgage
- **USDA 2024 Manufactured Housing Wholesaler Champion**
 - Equity Prime Mortgage
- **USDA 2023 Top Secondary Market Partner Champion**
 - 1st - PennyMac
 - 2nd - Freedom Mortgage
 - 3rd - Nationstar Mortgage
 - 4th - Carrington Mortgage
- **USDA 2024 Top Origination Award**
 - 1st - Guild Mortgage Company
 - 2nd - Flat Branch Mortgage
 - 3rd - Fairway Independent Mortgage
 - 4th - Cross Country Mortgage
 - 5th - Neighbors Bank

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 more than \$43 billion to help nearly 266,000 families and individuals buy, repair and build homes.

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