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### **DEAN R. FELDMAN AND EDITH K. MEYER OF HALSTEAD PROPERTY, LLC TAKE HOME TOP HONORS AT REBNY RESIDENTIAL DEAL OF THE YEAR GALA**

- ***Diane M. Ramirez of Halstead Property, LLC garners Henry Forster Award  
for lifetime achievement -***

**New York, NY – October 22, 2007** – The Real Estate Board of New York (REBNY) presented its prizes for New York's top residential real estate deals of the year at the organization's 19<sup>th</sup> annual Residential Deal of the Year Awards and Charity Gala on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

"The Deal of the Year Awards not only allow us to honor influential members of the residential real estate community who have shown incredible dedication and creativity with a recent deal, it is also a chance to raise much needed funds for local charities," said Steven Spinola, REBNY president. "These awards are among the most coveted in the industry and it is an honor for me to recognize these dedicated and ingenious members of our community."

Diane M. Ramirez, president of Halstead Property, LLC was honored with the Henry Forster Award. The Henry Forster Award is given to a broker who has exhibited not only outstanding achievement in the residential real estate market, but also displayed outstanding ethical conduct in the profession and contributed to cultural, charitable, and community organizations within and outside the industry.

REBNY's 2007 Residential Brokerage Division "Rookie Salesperson" of the year award was presented to Marissa Saporta of Prudential Douglas Elliman.

Dean R. Feldman and Edith K. Meyer of Halstead Property, LLC won first prize for Residential Sales; Linda VanderWoude of Halstead Brooklyn, LLC took second prize; and Barbara Evans-Butler of Stribling & Associates Ltd. and co-broker Brian Manning of Brown Harris Stevens Residential Sales LLC took third prize.

First prize in the residential rental category was awarded to Jim Mahoney of Joseph Gregory Inc. This is the second year in a row Mahoney took home this award.

The REBNY residential awards gala took place at Guastavino's, and brought together representatives from the city's top residential real estate firms. Proceeds from the event helped to supplement the more than \$2 million already raised by the organization on behalf of charities whose mission is to help the homeless in New York City and REBNY's Members In Need fund. This year's chosen charities are The Bridge Fund of New York and the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter.

***The Real Estate Board of New York*** is the city's leading real estate trade association with more than 12,000 members. REBNY represents major commercial and residential property owners and builders, brokers and managers, banks, financial service companies, utilities, attorneys, architects, contractors and other individuals and institutions professionally interested in the city's real estate. REBNY is involved in crucial municipal matters including tax policy, city planning and zoning, rental conditions, land use policy, building codes and legislation. In addition, REBNY publishes reports providing indicators of market prices for both the residential and commercial sectors.

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