Definitions for the Judging Guidelines

Commitment to Field
Service over an extended period of time in the field of housing and/or community development. The forms of service may be as a public official, provider, or advocate.

Administrative Accomplishments
Service at public agency, quasi-public agency, not-for-profit organization, or a for-profit company that contributes to the administration of effective programs in the field of housing and/or community development.

Social Contribution
Service in which the nominee contributed substantially to increasing the supply of affordable housing, redevelopment, economic development, social services/welfare, or services available to low- and moderate-income people. This service may have occurred by the nominee providing it directly or by creating a social awareness that caused the services to be provided.

Political or Government Service
Service by creating, causing to be created, or passing laws at any level or branch of government, which facilitated the delivery or provision of housing and/or community development services.

Economic Innovation
Service which caused new techniques to be developed with which to finance housing and community development programs or provide services to low- and moderate-income consumers of these programs or otherwise contribute to economic development of communities.

Legal Reform
Service in which the nominee made a substantial contribution creating or modifying the body of laws which govern the provision of housing and community development services for low-and moderate-income people. The service may have been as a public official or advocate and the impact of the legislation must have been positive.

Academic Leadership
Service in which the nominee, through teaching, research, writing, or the development of educational programs, has contributed substantially to the body of knowledge concerning housing and community development.

Influence of Public Opinion
Service in which the nominee has created positive public support and a positive image for housing and community development programs.