

## Local Lenders Recognized for Top Results

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JACKSONVILLE, FL -- There has been enough bad news about the housing industry lately, so it's refreshing to see some good news.

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation honored its top lenders at the annual Lenders Appreciation Awards Dinner in Orlando two weeks ago.

Three lenders from Jacksonville got recognition for their efforts in helping first time buyers get homes.

Lisa Hand, Countrywide Home Loans, closed 67 loans valued at over \$10,000,000.

Mary Keen, SunTrust Mortgage, closed 67 loans valued at over \$5,000,000.

Robin Heath, Carolina First/Mercantile Bank, closed 52 loans valued at nearly \$5,000,000

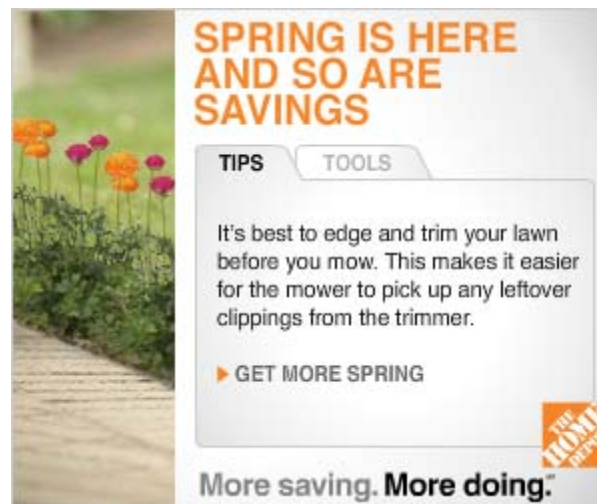
All three local loan officers qualified for the Platinum Award since they closed more than 40 loans in 2008.

"I want to take this opportunity to recognize you and thank you for the work that you do, and the many different ways that you continue to partner with us to help provide affordable housing to people throughout the state," says Florida Housing's Executive Director Steve Auger.

"The recession and global economic turmoil has challenged all of us and made it much more difficult to serve first-time homebuyers in Florida," he continued. "However, we want all of you to know that Florida Housing has conservatively managed its resources and stands ready to continue its mission to provide both first mortgages and down payment assistance to borrowers through the First Time Homebuyer Program."

Florida Housing says they helped over 3,300 Floridians become homeowners in 2008.

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