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**DIANA LUCERO HONORED WITH NAHB'S BILL POLLEY AWARD**

**WASHINGTON**, Jan. 31 – Diana A. Lucero, vice president of construction lending for New Mexico Bank & Trust, has been named the 2012 recipient of the Bill Polley BUILD-PAC Award by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). Lucero was honored during the International Builders' Show in Las Vegas on Jan. 23.

Named in honor of a longtime NAHB volunteer leader, each year the Bill Polley BUILD-PAC award recognizes the outstanding advocacy efforts by an NAHB associate member, one who best epitomizes Polley's ardent loyalty and support for this home building political action committee.

Lucero helped create and lead a number of successful fundraising efforts for BUILD-PAC, including a popular silent auction, and is already at work on efforts in her state and local associations for 2013. She also volunteers her time as Vice Chair of the Associates Advocacy Committee and represents remodeler members on the NAHB Board of Trustees.

"We want to recognize Diana for her energy and enthusiasm, as well as for the talent she displays in recruiting contributors to help build up BUILD-PAC's resources," said NAHB chairman Rick Judson, a home builder in Charlotte, N.C.

"Diana clearly understands the importance of advocacy as we all work to keep homes more affordable and maintain a successful business climate for home builders, remodelers and the trade partners and suppliers who work with us," he said.

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**ABOUT NAHB:** The National Association of Home Builders is a Washington-based trade association representing more than 140,000 members involved in home building, remodeling, multifamily construction, property management, subcontracting, design, housing finance, building product manufacturing and other aspects of residential and light commercial construction. NAHB is affiliated with 800 state and local home builders associations around the country. NAHB's builder members will construct about 80 percent of the new housing units projected for this year.

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