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## **Texas housing expert tapped for Vice President of Housing Operations at Houston Housing Authority**

**HOUSTON**—An experienced manager of housing in Texas and Louisiana has been appointed Vice President of Housing Operations for the Houston Housing Authority.

George David Griffin III joins the Houston Housing Authority May 31 after having served as the agency's Asset and Operations Manager from 2003 to 2005. Griffin is vice president of J. Allen Management Company in Beaumont, where he is responsible for managing 5,000 apartments at 35 properties throughout Texas and Louisiana, including public housing, tax credit units and conventional housing.

"We are excited to have someone with George Griffin's breadth of property management experience on our team," said Tory Gunsolley, Houston Housing Authority President & CEO. "George is well respected in Houston and nationwide. He is a member of the National Executive Committee of the Institute of Real Estate Management, and a past President of the Institute of Real Estate Management, Houston Chapter."

Griffin has a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from Texas A&M University and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Radio/Television/Film from Sam Houston State University. Griffin is a Certified Property Manager, a Certified Commercial Investment Member, and a licensed Real Estate Broker with the Texas Real Estate Commission and the Louisiana Real Estate Commission.

"I look forward to working with Mr. Gunsolley as the Housing Authority moves forward in its mission of providing quality, affordable housing for Houston," said Griffin. "The need is so great, and what we are providing is not just much-needed shelter but a home."

Griffin will be responsible for all activities associated with the day-to-day operation of the Housing Authority's public housing, including property management and maintenance.

The Houston Housing Authority provides affordable homes and services to more than 55,000 people throughout Houston. The agency and its affiliates own and operate 25 housing communities with about 5,500 units for families, elderly and other residents. More information about HHA can be found at [www.housingforhouston.com](http://www.housingforhouston.com).

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