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**AFFORDABLE HOUSING DESIGN AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2011 at
20TH ANNUAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUMMIT**

Five awards to be presented to local architects

Five winners of a competition to identify the best designed affordable housing in the Washington, DC region will be announced Monday, May 9, 2011 at the 20th annual Affordable Housing Conference Summit. The 2011 Summit will be held at the Bethesda North Marriott Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, MD from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

The 2011 Architectural Design Awards Program is sponsored by Capital One.

Prizes will be awarded in three categories. New construction, Renovation and Green Design.

The **first place award for new construction design** will be given to the firm of **Grimm + Parker Architects** for their work on The Summit of St. Martins Apartments, in Washington, DC. The project sponsor is Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington and the project builder is Hamel Builders. This 178-unit community is for senior citizens.

The **second place award for new construction design** also will be given to **Grimm + Parker Architects** for Victory Crest Senior Apartments. The project sponsor is Victory Housing and the project builder is Hamel Builders. This 60-unit community received funding from Prince Georges' County Department of Housing and Community Development and the HUD 202 program.

The **first place award for renovation** will be given to **Wiencek + Associates Architects + Planners**, for their work on The Williston Apartments. This project consists of 35 units for families. The project sponsor is the District of Columbia Housing Authority and the project builder is Padula Construction.

The **second place award for renovation** will be given to **EDG Architects, LLC** for their work on Gilbert Highlands Apartments in Takoma Park, MD. The project sponsor is Montgomery Housing Partnership and the builder is RKB Construction Company.

The **first place award for Green Design** will be given to **EDG Architects, LLC** for 3 Tree Flats in Washington, DC. The project sponsor is AHD Inc. and Jair Lynch. The project builder is Meridian Construction. This site has 130 units for families and a 28,000 SF community health clinic.

This annual competition is open to architects who are members of the Potomac Valley, DC and Northern Virginia chapters of the American Institute of Architects. The projects must be located in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Any project which uses housing subsidy funds other than the mortgage interest deduction and which provides assisted housing to more than 30th of its residents are eligible. All of this year's entries will be on exhibit at the Conference.

This year's housing summit will combine the innovative perspectives of a dynamic line-up of speakers ,including Congressman Chris Van Hollen, Governor Martin O'Malley, Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett, and Maryland DHCD Secretary Raymond Skinner.

Attendees will also hear from housing experts including the Director of Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs Richard Y. Nelson, Jr., Josh Silver with NCRC, Jerry Robinson of the Housing Opportunities Commission and Montgomery County Councilmembers Marc Elrich, Nancy Floreen and George Leventhal.

The Affordable Housing Conference is open to the public. Persons interested in attending can register online at www.affordablehousingconference.org.