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**AFFORDABLE HOUSING DESIGN AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED
MONDAY, May 3 at
19TH ANNUAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUMMIT**

Five awards 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 3 at the 18th annual Affordable Housing Conference Summit. The Summit will be held at the Bethesda North Marriott Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, MD from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The 2010 Architectural Awards Program is sponsored by **Capital One**.

Prizes will be awarded in two categories: New Construction and Renovation of affordable properties.

The **first place award for design in new construction** will be given to the firm of Wiencek + Associates Architects + Planners for their work on the Residences of Georgia Avenue, in Washington, DC. The project sponsor was Neighborhood Development Corporation. This 72-unit community (100% affordable units) was built by Hamel Builders. Funding for this project was provided by DC Housing Finance Authority.

The **second place award for design in new construction** will be given to Suzane Reatig Architecture for their firm's work on Ashland Town Houses in Baltimore, MD. This multi-family project was developed and built by Harkins Builders. Funding sources came from the United House of Prayer and area median income for the project is \$21,922.

The **third place award for design in new construction** will be given to Bonstra Haresign Architects for their work on The Shelton in Arlington, VA. The project sponsor was AHC Inc. and the builder was Harkins Builders. This 94-unit rental community received funding from....

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The **first place award for renovation** will be given to Wiencek + Associates Architects + Planners, PC for their work on The Overlook at Oxon Run, in Washington, DC. This project consisted of 135 workforce housing units and 181 senior units. The project sponsor was Community Preservation Development Corporation (CPDC) and the project builder was Harkins Builders. The area median income for the project was \$28,120 (Ward 8).

The **second place award for renovation** will be given to Grimm & Parker Architects for their work on Victory Forest in Silver Spring, MD. The project was sponsored by Victory Housing and built by Hamel Builders. this property includes 181 units for seniors.

The 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 that 30% 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 and panelists, including Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett, Maryland DHCD Secretary Raymond Skinner and U.S. Representative Chris Van Hollen who will be speaking during the Conference's Opening Session. The luncheon keynote speaker is HUD Deputy Secretary Ron Sims.

Attendees will also hear from housing experts including the Director of Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs Richard Y. Nelson, Jr.; Planning Board Director Rollin Stanley; and National Housing Trust's Michael Bodaken. Discussions and question-and-answer sessions will take place with numerous housing experts during eight break-out panels.

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