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### **Britton Budd Apartments Breaks Ground on Rehabilitation** *Lakeview Senior Building will Complete Facelift in 2009*

**WHAT: Groundbreaking for Britton Budd Senior Apartments**

**WHERE: Britton Budd Apartments, 501 W. Surf St.**

**WHEN: Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.**

CHICAGO – Chicago Housing Authority CEO Lewis A. Jordan and 44<sup>th</sup> Ward Ald. Thomas M. Tunney will celebrate the start of renovations at Britton Budd Apartments with a groundbreaking ceremony at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008.

The rehabilitation will include 172 new studios and one-bedroom units for senior citizens living on a low or fixed income. Common areas will also be updated with new meeting, dining and laundry rooms and a penthouse common room overlooking downtown and Lake Michigan.

The rehabilitation is part of the CHA's 15-year plan to overhaul public housing in the city. The Authority projects more than 95 percent of its senior portfolio will have completed rehabs by year's end.

"One goal of the Plan is to increase the availability of affordable housing for the city's senior population, while ensuring that the quality of these buildings are upgraded and well-maintained," said CHA chief Lewis A. Jordan. "Britton Budd is an example of how we continue to deliver on that promise."

Originally constructed in 1917 as an 11-story, masonry building, Britton Budd is on the southeast border of Lakeview and Lincoln Park, two neighborhoods with a thriving retail district and plenty of community amenities.

"Lakeview is a very desirable place to live, and we're glad to have neighbors in the community like the CHA that provide quality and affordable housing options for our city's senior citizens," said Ald. Tunney.

Renovations are expected to be completed in 2009.

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