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CHA Exceeds 2009 Unit Construction Goal *One of several MTW Annual Report highlights*

CHICAGO – The Chicago Housing Authority is on track with its goals for demolition and replacement of housing, in fact, CHA exceeded its unit construction goal in 2008 with 1,593 units under construction during the year – 131 more units than the projected goal of 1,462 units.

That success is just one of several contained in the FY2008 Moving To Work Annual Report, which documents CHA's yearly activity for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. Other highlights in the Annual Report are:

68 percent of the original Plan for Transformation 25,000-unit rehabilitation goal has been completed –

- 52 percent of leaseholders residing in public housing on 10/1/99 have satisfied their Right of Return by moving to a new mixed income community, revitalized public housing or by taking a permanent Housing Choice Voucher;
- 40,000 new applicants were placed on the Housing Choice Voucher Program wait list for the first time in nine years; with greater diversity among them than ever before
- For the first time since the beginning of the Plan, rehabilitated family housing units were leased to applicants off the general public housing wait list at Altgeld Gardens/Phillip Murray Homes and Trumbull Park Homes.

Submittal of the Annual Report will be voted on at the CHA's March 17th Board Meeting. At that meeting there will be a discussion on how to use funds allocated from HUD through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009. From the \$3 billion fund, CHA will receive approximately \$144 million in capital funds and can apply for additional competitive grants for a variety of projects.

In addition, the March meeting will also consider approval of the start of the demolition of six unoccupied buildings at Harold Ickes Homes, new or extended contracts with a number of consultants including Holsten Real Estate Development Corporation, Stateway Associates, LLC, Capstone Consulting Services and MK Communications; and a joint purchase agreement for computers with the Chicago Public Schools.

For more information on any upcoming board items, contact Matt Aguilar at 312.935.2646.

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