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**AFFORDABLE HOUSING DESIGN AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED
MONDAY, APRIL 23 at
16TH ANNUAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUMMIT**

Four awards presented to local architects

Four winners of a competition designed to identify the best affordable housing design in the Washington, DC region will be announced Monday, April 23 at the 16th 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 2007 Architectural Design Contest is sponsored by **Chevy Chase Bank**.

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, PC for their work at Snow Hill Senior Living in Snow Hill, MD. This 30-unit senior living community built by Hamel Builders serves individuals with 40% -60% area median income. Funding for this project included Maryland CDA and US HUD.

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The **second place award for design in new construction** will be given to Grimm & Parker Architects for their work on Victory House of Palmer Park, located in Palmer Park, MD. This 69-unit apartment community developed by Victory Housing, Inc. and built by Hamel Builders serves low income seniors with 50% area median income. Funding for this project included US HUD Sec. 202 Grant, Prince George's County Home Loan, Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Foundation Grant and Maryland Affordable Housing Trust Grant.

The **first place award for renovation** will be given to Wiencek + Associates Architects + Planners, PC for their work on the Residences of Wiley H. Bates Heritage Park, in Annapolis MD. This 71-unit apartment community was developed by Bates School Limited Partnership and built by Hamel Builders. The project serves elderly individuals with 40% - 60% area median income. Funding for this project included Maryland DHCD, and US HUD.

The **second place award for renovation** will be given to Wiencek + Associates Architects + Planners, PC for their work on Oxford Manor, in Washington, DC. The project was built by Hamel Builders and includes 102 units for families with 40% - 60% of area median income. Funding for this project involved US HUD.

The annual competition is open to architects who are members of the Potomac Valley Chapter 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 30% of its residents is eligible.

This year's housing summit will combine the innovative perspectives of a dynamic line-up of speakers and panelists, including newly elected Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett and County Council President Marilyn Praisner. U.S. Representative Chris Van Hollen is also speaking during the Conference's Opening Session. The keynote speaker will be Carl Guardino, President and CEO of Silicon Valley Leadership Group.

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 Chairman Royce Hanson; and former Washington Post writer Roger Lewis. Discussions and question-and-answer sessions will take place with the housing experts.

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