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**CHA Tours Showcase Public, Affordable Housing Developments in
Chicago**

*Roosevelt Square, Jazz on the Boulevard Highlight Largest Redevelopment
Effort in U.S.*

CHICAGO (November 3, 2005) –As the \$1.6 billion Chicago Housing Authority’s “Plan for Transformation,” enters its seventh year it is being viewed not only the largest affordable housing venture of its kind, but also a model neighborhood revitalization for the redevelopment of how cities can undertake redevelopment housing for cities throughout the world.

The latest visitors in what has become a virtually non-stop schedule of tours of the CHA’s new mixed-income housing were those from the Korean Land Corporation, the organization charged with land and housing planning for that nation.

First stop on the tour, the Roosevelt Square headquarters, focused on the importance of mixed-income developments in the re-creation of housing opportunities and all income levels in the community. The KLC delegates showed interest in the access to schools, green space and other recreational facilities through the tour held October 28. The Roosevelt Square area has new police and fire stations, a new community center and proposed ground-floor retail space to stimulate community growth, all important goals of the Plan for Transformation.

The KLC group also traveled through the newly developed Westhaven Homes. Built on the former site of the Henry Horner Homes and in the shadow of the United Center, the development features new roads, sewers and water mains built by the City of Chicago. The Westhaven project represents the benefits of a transition from high-rise buildings to lower, mixed-income homes. The KLC delegation can utilize the Westhaven’s lessons to effectively manage Korean land available for housing in a practical fashion.

“Mixed-income units are an interesting way to recreate a neighborhood once full of high-rise public housing,” said Chi Yeong Lee, Manager for the Korean Land Corporation. “We can take this knowledge back to Korea and work to provide the most practical affordable housing for our seniors and low-income families.”

Finally, serving as the highlight for all on the tour, the KLC group was able to tour the inside of a model home at the Jazz on the Boulevard site. Comprising of row houses, town homes and two- and six-flats, these homes serve a diverse group of Chicagoans in the market for new housing. Also built near a former high-rise development, “Jazz” features 38 units of affordable housing, 30 public housing units and 69 units priced at the market rate. The Plan for Transformation resulted in the rebirth of the area – Resident in Jazz enjoy amenities such as abundant green space through the use of decks and balconies, while living in a mixed-income community.

The Chicago Housing Authority provides tours to various delegations throughout the year. Groups from across the country, and others, have taken the tours of differing CHA communities to serve as a model for their own public housing initiatives.

Other recent tours of CHA’s new properties include delegations from China, the Netherlands, Canada and New York City.

For more information on the tours, or the Chicago Housing Authority, please contact them online at www.thecha.org or call 312-742-8500.

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Note for Editors: The following photos were taken during the tour held October 28, 2005. Credit for all photos should be given to Lauri Ogden-Powell, External Affairs Coordinator for the Chicago Housing Authority.

Photo #1: <http://www.mkcpr.com/filebin/Korean.Tour1.jpg>

Suggested Caption: “Members of the Korean Land Corporation tour a two-bedroom model home at “Jazz on the Boulevard.”

Photo #2: <http://www.mkcpr.com/filebin/KoreanTour2.jpg>

Suggested Caption: “A typical kitchen layout for homes in the CHA’s new mixed-income communities.”

Photo #3: <http://www.mkcpr.com/filebin/Korean.Tour3.jpg>

Suggested Caption: “Bright light and open living space are large parts of the new developments in the CHA’s ‘Plan for Transformation’.”