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### **CHA Breaks Ground on New Mixed-Income Units**

Units to serve as replacement housing for Rockwell Gardens

The Chicago Housing Authority this week broke ground on a new mixed-income development on the Near West Side. This is one of 34 mixed-income developments under construction or in design under the CHA Plan for Transformation (PFT).

Jackson Square at West End, part of the PFT's redevelopment plan for Rockwell Gardens and the first on-site phase, will include 92 units when completed, with 57 designated for CHA families, and 35 for moderate-income families.

CHA Chief Executive Officer Terry Peterson said, "Jackson Square represents another opportunity to provide quality housing choices to CHA residents, other working families and professionals. We promised residents that this day would come. Today, another significant step forward has been made in fulfilling promises to build healthy communities."

Bounded by Madison, Van Buren and Rockwell Streets and Western Ave., the \$24 million initial phase of the Jackson Square at West End development will culminate with the delivery of 57 new public housing units. Infrastructure and on-site unit construction is planned through 2006.

The Chicago Department of Transportation began installing new sewer lines and will pave new streets and alleys for Jackson Square. The new streets will help incorporate the site's nearly 17 acres of land into a traditional city grid. Enhanced street lighting, narrower streets, traffic circles with landscaping and additional setbacks for front yards, adding green space, are also planned for Jackson Square.

Additionally, the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) will initiate the process to convert the community's school, Ulysses S. Grant Elementary, into a charter school under its Renaissance 2010 initiative.

"What we have set out to do is too large for just one pair of hands," said Peterson. "The Mayor's commitment, along with various city agencies, resident leadership and the private, education and foundation sectors keep us moving forward. We are so very grateful. Improving CHA communities involves all of Chicago."