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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ISSUED TODAY Funding For Affordable Rental Housing Units Available

NIAGARA REGION, June 19, 2009 – Niagara Regional Housing (NRH) issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) this week, seeking builders, developers and community partners to submit proposals to develop affordable housing units across Niagara region.

This program is part of the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing program, in which the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario have partnered to invest more than \$1.2 billion in affordable housing over the next two years. \$365 million has been dedicated to the development of affordable housing units for seniors and persons with disabilities.

“The need for more affordable housing in Niagara is evident in our waiting list”, commented Lora Beckwith, General Manager, “We have more than 4200 households on our list right now and it’s growing faster than we’ve ever experienced before. In the current economy the benefits of this funding are two-fold – not only does it provide new affordable housing, it will also produce jobs”.

Since the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program was announced in 2004, Niagara has received more than \$15 million, which has resulted in the completion of 157 affordable housing units and 198 units that are currently under construction.

RFPs are available on the NRH website at www.nrh.ca or at Niagara Regional Housing reception at Campbell East, 2201 St. David’s Road, Thorold. **Proposals are due no later than July 24 at 12:00 noon. Developers with Early Start projects should check the NRH website for details. Early Start proposals are due by July 10 at 12:00 noon.**

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