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SECTION 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PROJECT PROGRESS OVERVIEW March 2009

- *Fountain Heights* – Closeout of the contract is in progress; the final pay request has been requested from the contractor. To date, seventeen (17) houses have closed.
- *Infrastructure Services* – Construction is progressing. Approximately 90% of the work is complete.
- *Rental Units Construction* – Capstone Building Corporation is progressing with buildings. Framing has started on 7 buildings. Foundations on 12 buildings in Phase I are complete.
- *Property Manager RFP* – Six proposals for an onsite property manager were received. An evaluation team is currently reviewing the submittals.
- *Tax Credit Closing* – Closing is complete for Phase I; Compliance for Phase II is underway.
- *ALDOT Trail* – Design efforts are complete. The project is expected to be advertised for bid in April 2009 upon approval of the plans by ALDOT.

**SECTION 2
STATUS REPORTS**

RESIDENT RELOCATION AND RETURNS

March 2009:

All residents of Tuxedo Court have been relocated to other housing communities and locations selected by the residents as of November 15, 2005.

The HABD staff will continue to coordinate with the relocated residents of Tuxedo Court, providing status updates regarding the progress of this revitalization program; updates on HUD coordination's and related requirements; updates regarding program procurements; and updates regarding homeownership opportunities. Relocated residents will receive updates on the transition process back to the new development, upon the complete development of the return criteria.

Plans to provide the residents with an updated overview of the program, status updates of the infrastructure and housing construction projects, and the development of the return criteria need to be revisited. The procurement of a Property Manager for the development has been issued. Six proposals were received on February 17, 2009. An evaluation team is currently reviewing the proposals submitted. A recommendation to the HABD Board of Commissioners is anticipated by the April 2009 Board Meeting

HABD staff has resumed meetings with former residents of the Tuxedo Court community in preparation of returning to the site.

COMMUNITY AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES - CSS

March 2009:

JCCEO continues to collect data through case management and assist residents by providing CSS services. JCCEO hosts activities to assist residents towards financial independence and are meeting the needs and family goals for the families. JCCEO utilizes its Outcome Results System (ORS) for capturing statistics of assessments and focus groups. Residents continue to receive assistance with basic needs, job readiness training, educational assistance, entrepreneurial training sessions, and childcare assistance.

Offsite outreach efforts for former residents are continuing. JCCEO monitors the progress of residents towards goals of self-sufficiency. The current case load includes eighty-three (83) former Tuxedo Court residents.

JCCEO case workers provided services to address the following needs of families from Tuxedo Court: prepared forty-eight (48) service referrals for forty-five (45) Tuxedo Court residents for employment, basic needs, financial, medical, utility, childcare, and Christmas assistance. Twenty-seven (27) residents are currently enrolled in the Employment preparation/placement program. Four (4) residents are enrolled in the job skills training program. Five (5) residents gained employment; two (2) residents lost employment; currently, fifty-two (52) residents of the current caseload are employed.

PROJECT PROGRESS OVERVIEW

March 2009:

1. Project Implementation

A. *Off-Site Development – Fountain Heights Homeownership Component*

- a. Homeownership opportunities in Fountain Heights are being promoted through the HABD staff with the distribution of the revised HABD Homeownership brochure, highlighting photographs and information about the homeownership program.
- b. Signage promoting homeownership opportunities are posted in and around the Fountain Heights neighborhood, and near Interstate 65 in the Fountain Heights area. Interested families are directed to contact the HABD Homeownership Coordinator.

I. *Site Acquisitions*

- a. HABD has site control of properties to build twenty-five (25) of the twenty-five (25) homes. Closings are continually being scheduled.

II. *Off Site Development Process – 25 Single Family Homes in Fountain Heights*

- a. KSH Construction is progressing with approximately 99% of the project complete. To date, the contractor has delivered twenty-five (25) houses as substantially complete.
- b. The final pay request has been requested from the contractor. Upon receipt, close out for this project can be completed.
- c. Currently, HABD staff has secured twenty-three (23) sales contracts for the homes being constructed. The HABD has closed with seventeen (17) homeowners and several closings are expected in the upcoming weeks.

III. *Market Studies*

- a. No additional activity at this time.

B. *On-Site Development – Tuxedo Court Property*

I. *Demolition*

- a. Services complete.

II. *Site Development / Public Improvements*

- a. USInfrastructure, Inc. developed the construction bid package (specifications and plans) for infrastructure improvements at Tuxedo Court, in coordination with the housing units design, being developed by Williams-Blackstock Architects. US Infrastructure has evaluated the bids to certify the lowest responsible, responsive bidder. The HABD Board of Commissioners elected to reject all bids submitted for this project at its April 2007 board meeting. The project was rebid. The HABD Board of Commissioners elected to approve the lowest responsible, responsive bidder, Russo Corporation, at its June 2007 Board of Commissioners meeting. The contracts were executed by both parties. The HABD Board of Commissioners voted to terminate the contract executed with Russo Corporation at its November 2007 Board meeting due to the City's assessment of non-compliance in the procurement process. The project was re-advertised. Bids were opened in January 2008. Engineering Design Technologies, Inc. is the engineer of record for the re-bid process.
- b. In efforts to utilize the Jefferson County Commission as a funding source, and in association with comments Commissioner Langford expressed at the Tuxedo Court Groundbreaking ceremony, an interlocal agreement between the City and Jefferson County for funding for this project was approved by the Jefferson County Commission at its February 20, 2007 meeting. The interlocal agreement has been executed by both parties.
- c. The HABD/PMT Team is continuing to work and coordinate with the City regarding the infrastructure scope and budget. The Intergovernmental Agreement has been approved by the City Council and executed by the Mayor. An amendment to the Intergovernmental

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Agreement has developed and is being reviewed. The Program Management Team met with City Staff in early December 2008 regarding the amendment.

- d. The HABD/PMT Team along with Williams Blackstock Architects and subconsultants prepared documentation to be submitted to the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program through the City of Birmingham's Planning and Engineering Department. Annually, the ALDOT makes the TE Project available to cities and municipalities with request for proposals. The proposal included schematic design efforts for the proposed linear park at on-site Tuxedo Court and enhancements along the Interstate 20/59 corridor in the vicinity of Tuxedo Court. Notification of approval from ALDOT was received. The PMT met with the City's engineering staff regarding the status of the ALDOT grant. Design is complete. The plans have been forwarded to ALDOT for approval in the bid process.
- e. The City has elected to not fund the infrastructure construction due to its assessment of non-compliance in the procurement process. The City has agreed to provide funding contingent upon the HABD re-bidding the infrastructure construction in compliance with the intergovernmental agreement. The City has approved the current re-bid process.
- f. The infrastructure construction was re-bid in order to receive the funding from the City. The proposed schedule for re-bid was:

Advertisement begins:	December 9, 2007
Pre-Bid Conference:	December 18, 2007
Bid Opening:	January 15, 2008
- g. The infrastructure work is ongoing. Russo Corporation is approximately 90% complete with infrastructure services.
- h. The ALDOT has provided approval for work in the 20th Street (Highway 269) right-of-way. The work is complete.
- i. The HABD Board of Commissioners awarded the design services for the Tuxedo Court HOPE VI Community Center and Daycare Center to Herrington/TRI Joint Venture. A kick off meeting was held. Programs for design services are finalized. The architect has completed schematic design and is awaiting approval from HABD.
- j. Bhate Geosciences is providing geotechnical services for the construction.

III. Site Acquisitions

- a. No activity at this time.

IV. Rental Units Development – Phase I Housing

- a. The Architectural/Engineering Team of Williams Blackstock Architects has distributed construction documents for the housing development at the Tuxedo Court site. The project schedule is as follows:

Advertisement begins	December 18, 2006
Pre Bid Conference	January 10, 2007
Bid Opening	February 1, 2007

The bid submitted by Trawick Contractors was recommended to and approved by the HABD Board of Commissioners for award at the March 2007 Board Meeting. The contract has been signed by Trawick Contractors and returned to the HABD for signature.

- b. Coordination between the architectural/engineering team, the engineering team, HABD staff, City staff, and the PMT is ongoing, including design and strategic coordination efforts.
- c. The LIHTC application for this project was submitted to Alabama Housing Finance Authority on March 14, 2007. Tax credits were not awarded for this project. An out-of-cycle application was submitted. Tax credits were awarded in August 2007. The HABD has requested proposals for a financial entity to purchase the tax credits. The RFP for

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these services were submitted to the HABD on September 10, 2007. A recommendation to the HABD Board of Commissioners was made and approved at the October 2007 meeting. Boston Capital was approved for this process.

- d. The HABD Board of Commissioners approved the termination of the contract for construction services with Trawick Contractors.
- e. No construction activity to date.

V. Rental Units Development – Phase II Housing

- a. The Architectural/Engineering Team of Williams Blackstock Architects has distributed construction documents for the Phase II Rental units at the Tuxedo Court site. The project schedule is as follows:

Advertisement begins	December 9, 2007
Pre Bid Conference	December 18, 2007
Bid Opening	January 17, 2008

- b. The Housing Authority of the Birmingham District Board of Commissioners approved the contract for Phase II – Rental Units with Trawick Contractors.
- c. The LIHTC application for this project was submitted to Alabama Housing Finance Authority in March 2008. Additional information has been requested by the Alabama Housing Finance Authority. This information was forwarded on April 11, 2008.
- d. Tax credits for the Phase II Housing project were awarded by the AHFA on June 17, 2008
- e. The HABD Board of Commissioners approved the rejection of bids received for this project.
- f. The rental housing development phases have been advertised for bid as one project including the 220 rental units of the project. The project schedule is as follows:

Advertisement begins	June 22, 2008
Pre Bid Conference	July 15, 2008
Bid Opening	August 5, 2008
- g. No construction activity to date.

VI. Rental Units Development – Phase I and Phase II Housing

- a. Bids were received on August 5, 2008. Three (3) companies submitted bids – Capstone Building Corporation, White-Spinner Construction, and Wild Builders.
- b. At its August 2008 regular Board Meeting, the HABD Board of Commissioners approved the contract for construction services of the Rental Units Phase I and Phase II with Capstone Building Corporation. The contracts have been signed by all parties.
- c. A Notice to Proceed was issued to Capstone in early November 2008.
- d. Capstone is progressing with construction including site preparation, foundation installation, framing, roofing, rough plumbing, and electrical work. Work on Blocks 2, 6, 10 and 11 is continuing. Foundations are complete twelve (12) buildings of Phase I. Framing is complete on seven (7) buildings.
- e. Bhate Geosciences is providing geotechnical services for the rental units' construction.
- f. The equity provider closing for Phase I construction is complete. The closing for Phase II construction is anticipated in early May 2009.

VII. Real Estate

- a. Negotiations are continuing with the property owners in the general vicinity of the defined Tuxedo Court revitalization area.

VIII. Market Studies

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- a. The HABD Board of Commissioners awarded a contract for Market Studies and As-Built Appraisals to Baker Valuation at the January 2008 board meeting. A notice to proceed has been issued for these services.
- b. Baker Valuation has completed the Market Study and As-Built Appraisal for Phase I Rental Units within the required schedule.
- c. Baker Valuation has completed the Phase II As-Built Appraisal.

IX. Equity Provider

- a. The procurement for tax credit equity provider was issued. Proposals were received on August 19, 2008. Best and final offers from firms submitting proposals were received on August 29, 2008. The evaluation team reviewed the received proposals and provided a recommendation. The HABD Board of Commissioners approved RBC Capital as the equity provider at its September 2008 Board meeting.
- b. The Program Management Team worked with RBC in preparation for the tax credit closing. Weekly progress meetings identifying due diligence are ongoing.
- c. The closing for Phase I is complete. The Phase II closing is underway.

2. Construction Progress

Fountain Heights – Completion to date, March 31, 2009.

- a. All houses included in the Fountain Heights project are substantially complete.

MBE/DBE and Section 3 Participation

The following is a breakdown of MBE/DBE/Section 3 company's participation in the current active project contracts to date.

	<u>% of Total Contract Value</u>
❖ Professional Services Contracts	
MBE/DBE/WBE Entities	32.0%
Local Companies	88.0%
❖ Demolition Services Contracts	
MBE/DBE/WBE Entities	9.0%
Local Companies	3.4%
❖ Sewer Capping Services Contracts	
MBE/DBE/WBE Entities	100.0%
Local Companies	100.0%
❖ Infrastructure Services Contracts	
MBE/DBE/WBE Entities	45.7%
Local Companies	100.0%
❖ Community and Daycare Centers Design Contract	
MBE/DBE/WBE Entities	50.0%
Local Companies	100.0%
❖ Rental Units Construction Services Contract	
MBE/DBE/WBE Entities	25.3%
Local Companies	85.7%

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The following companies are participating in the Section 3 program as noted. Miles College with one (1) employee; JCCEO with one (1) employee; Capstone with one (1) employee and one Section 3 sub-contractor; Engineering Design Technologies with two Section 3 companies; and Russo with one (1) employee. Williams Blackstock Architects, Herrington/TRI, Banks, Finley & White Co., Capstone and Klein-Hornig are participating in the scholarship program.

3. Project Related Meetings

- ❖ March 4 Contractor Conference Call
Property Management RFP Evaluation Team Meeting
- ❖ March 5 Financial Strategy Conference Call
OAC Meeting – Rental Units Progress
- ❖ March 11 Property Management RFP Evaluation Team Meeting
Soils Meeting with Contractor
PMT Team Conference Call/Meeting
HOPE VI Update Meeting
- ❖ March 13 Equity Closing Due Diligence Conference Call
- ❖ March 17 Phase I Inspection with Independent Auditor
- ❖ March 18 OAC Meeting – Rental Units Progress
- ❖ March 23 HABD Board of Commissioners Board Meeting

4. Procurements

- ❖ None

5. Document Submissions and Notices

- ❖ February 2009 Program Report

PROJECT LOOK AHEAD

30 – 60 Day Look Ahead:

- ❖ AHFA Supporting Documentation
- ❖ Fountain Heights Homeownership Closings
- ❖ Construction of Multifamily Rental Units
- ❖ Equity Provider Coordination/Tax Credit Closing – Phase II

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The PMT is currently working with the HABD staff to reconcile on a monthly basis the project's financial information.

1. Payment Applications

- a. Capstone Pay Request #4
- b. Russo Pay Request #12
- c. EDT Pay Request #15

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**SECTION 3
INFORMATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS**



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RENTAL UNITS CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS
BLOCK 6 LOOKING NORTHWEST**



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RENTAL UNITS CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS
BLOCK 6 LOOKING SOUTHWEST**

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RENTAL UNITS CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS
HVAC INSTALLATION



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BLOCK 6 LOOKING SOUTHEAST