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CAPITAL MARKETS “GREEN BUILDING UNDERWRITING STANDARDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING”

NEW YORK, AUGUST 18, 2009 -- Washington, DC based Capital Markets Partnership (“CMP”) announced today the launch of its Green Building Underwriting Standards for affordable housing. The announcement was made at the NYSE at an event sponsored by Bank of America, JPMorgan, Fireman’s Fund - a company of Allianz, Energy Foundation and The Institute for Market Transformation to Sustainability (“MTS”).

The new standards seek to:

- Provide quantitative value to financial institutions as an add-on to existing due diligence.
- Provide an important competitive advantage for owners, managers and investors.
- Will greatly increase green affordable housing stock.
- Provide cost effective “green” housing for middle and lower income individuals.

The green building underwriting standards have already been endorsed by the U.S. Conference of Mayors (Resolution 119 on July 16, 2008). In addition, organizations such as JP Morgan and CB Richard Ellis have used them as well.

Providing education sessions is a major cornerstone of implementing the new standards. Workshops are planned to be offered through Federal Home Loan Bank offices nationwide with member institutions, NGOs & local governments and will include an overview of the green building standards as well as demonstration of the CMP Green Value Score[®] valuation and underwriting tool. Funding for the education sessions is being provided by The Home Depot Foundation in cooperation with the Federal Home Loan Bank.

“The CMP Underwriting Standard Education Initiative is a critical step in supporting this market-based initiative,” said Steve Hoffmann, Executive Director of the Capital Markets Partnership Education.

The Capital Markets Partnership (www.capitalmarketspartnership.com), a coalition of MTS – a 501©(3) non-profit public charity – is a collaboration of corporate, government, and non-governmental organization leaders dedicated to the responsible market adoption of green building and sustainable product standards.

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