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LHFA Holds 2007 Housing Trust Fund Forum

Housing advocate expert to facilitate forum

Baton Rouge, LA (June 15, 2007) - The Louisiana Housing Finance Agency will host its first Housing Trust Fund Forum, which will be held at the Agency's V. Jean Butler Room on June 29, 2007 from 8:30a.m. - 2:30. p.m. The event will be facilitated by Mary Brooks, Director of Housing Trust Projects, with the Center for Community Change.

"This is a great opportunity for housing advocates and stakeholders to participate in the development of a plan for the grassroots use of housing trust funds," said Milton Bailey, President of LHFA. "My compliments to Governor Blanco and the State Legislature for their continued commitment to the recovery of affordable housing in Louisiana."

Mary Brooks will focus on the models and implementation of successful housing trust funds across the nation. There will also be a component where forum participants will have an opportunity to make recommendations and address key issues in affordable housing resources.

Brooks has become the nation's leading expert on affordable housing issues and state housing trust funds. Under the Center for Community Change, Brooks works in a capacity to provide organizations and agencies with technical assistance that help create and implement affordable housing resources and community support for state housing trust funds.

"Housing trust funds are at the forefront of what is exciting in the affordable housing field," said Mary Brooks. "Demonstrating that with a commitment of public funds, we can address critical housing needs, rebuild neighborhoods, and change lives."

To view the full agenda and read additional information about Mary E. Brooks go to www.lhfa.state.la.us.

The Louisiana Housing Finance Agency (LHFA) was created by the Louisiana Legislature to address the shortage of safe and affordable housing in Louisiana. Since 1980, LHFA has administered federal and state funds through programs designed to advance the development of energy-efficient and affordable housing for low and moderate income families. Post-Katrina, LHFA has been a viable resource in the development of rental housing and home ownership finance opportunities.

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