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Press Release

Blueprint for Success Project:

City of Cincinnati - Hamilton County Community Action Agency Achieves LEED Gold Certification for 2283 & 2285 Loth Street, Cincinnati Ohio

Cincinnati, OH, May 1 2012: The architectural firm of Creative Housing Solutions, Inc. (CHS) has completed the Architectural Design, Program Management, and Construction Administration for the Blueprint for Success Program located at 2283-2285 Loth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. The two 1,500 sft homes which have a highly energy efficient thermal envelope, 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths has achieved LEED Gold Certification. The



USGBC is responsible for evaluating and determining whether a newly constructed, or renovated buildings, comply with their "Green" standards.

Blueprint for success is a pilot partnership program for the City of Cincinnati and Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency (CAA). The Blueprint for Success Program is designed to help at-risk youth receive an education and construction skills as they revitalize/build houses in an inner city neighborhood. Upon graduation participants that want to enter the construction industry will be guaranteed a job in the field. Other participants will be able to use the transferable skills learned (ex. communication, work ethic, leadership) in other jobs, while receiving higher education, or pursuing entrepreneurship.



Many energy efficient items were included in the project:

- High-efficiency hybrid heat system with 95% AFUE gas furnace and 16 SEER Heat Pump
- Low-flow toilets, showers and sinks
- Compact Fluorescent Lighting
- Energy Star Appliances
- Heat Pump water heater – 2.2 EF (Efficiency Factor) saving 50% of domestic water heating costs



- R-38 attic insulation Spray cellulose insulation in the walls to reduce air infiltration
- Energy Star windows and exterior doors

Minimizing wood and construction waste was achieved through the following measures:

- Panelized exterior wall construction
- Engineered floor trusses
- 19.2" stud spacing on interior wall framing

This project adds two new affordable single-family homes to the Loth Street neighborhood. CHS company president, Donald L. Dudrow, Jr., RA commented: "CHS is on the cutting edge of the Green building movement. This achievement demonstrates CHS' commitment to designing better communities for low to moderate income individuals. Since 1994 CHS has strived to get the most out of every taxpayer dollar spent on public and affordable housing. I believe the "greening" of affordable housing increases the payback on taxpayer investment by providing reduced utility consumption and improved quality of life for many people."

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