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## **Novogradac & Company LLP Announces its 1999 Midwest Conference on Affordable Housing July 15-17**

CHICAGO--Novogradac & Company LLP has announced that it will host its **1999 Midwest Conference on Affordable Housing: The Changing Face of the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Industry** July 15-17 in Chicago at the Hotel Inter-Continental.

Developers, lenders, accountants, equity investors and state officials will address the most urgent issues concerning affordable housing facing the Midwest today. Speakers will discuss the Midwest's most recent developments and trends associated with low-income housing tax credits (LIHCs) and tax-exempt housing bonds, two major affordable financing tools.

"The Midwest's affordable housing needs vary greatly from its urban centers to rural environments," said Michael J. Novogradac, CPA, managing partner at Novogradac & Company LLP. "Our conference will explore emerging affordable housing trends that are unique to the heartland."

The conference will feature keynote speaker Missouri State Treasurer Robert Holden (D), a public official with more than 20 years of experience in state affordable housing policy. Holden will offer his foresight on the growing affordable housing opportunities in the Midwest. Invited keynote speaker U.S. Representative Nancy Johnson (R-Conn.) will discuss her pending legislation that could bolster the potential affordable housing stock in the Midwest.

The Midwest Conference on Affordable Housing is co-sponsored by First Chicago Leasing Corporation, one of the nation's largest direct investors in tax credit properties; Ungaretti & Harris, a full-service 75-attorney law firm; Columbia Housing, a full-service real estate investment firm and Sterling Financial Group, a NewYork-based tax credit syndicator.

The San Francisco-based Novogradac & Company LLP is a national certified public accounting and consulting firm that specializes in affordable housing coast to coast. With offices in San Francisco; Los Angeles; Atlanta; Austin, Texas; and Columbus, Ohio; Novogradac & Company LLP firm provides a full spectrum of attest, tax, valuation, market research and consulting services to affordable housing developers, syndicators, lenders and investors.

The **1999 Midwest Conference on Affordable Housing: The Changing Face of the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Industry** will be held at the Hotel Inter-Continental July 15-17 in Chicago. For more information, call (415) 356-8061. .