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**U.S. Rep. J.D. Hayworth (R-Ariz.) to Keynote Novogradac & Company LLP's  
Credit & Bond Financing for Affordable Housing Conference**

**Industry Professional To Gather May 16-17 in New Orleans, La.**

NEW ORLEANS—Novogradac & Company LLP will host its **Credit & Bond Financing for Affordable Housing Conference**, May 16-17 at the Wyndham New Orleans at Canal Place.

This last year brought tremendous change to the affordable housing industry. The attacks of September 11 and the recession put a damper on economic activity, weakened once-strong demand for tax credits and tax-exempt bonds, and sent insurance costs skyrocketing. However, leading economic indicators now show signs of recovery as unemployment falls and consumer confidence and productivity rise.

Join Novogradac & Company LLPs at its **Credit & Bond Financing for Affordable Housing Conference** and examine how the improving market will affect the affordable housing industry and influence the way major policy and finance issues are addressed by lawmakers and other national leaders. "The barometers of economic conditions provide growing evidence that the recession is abating and the nation, barring any unforeseen shock, is on its way to economic recovery," said Michael J. Novogradac, CPA, managing partner at Novogradac & Company LLP, a San Francisco-based national certified public accounting and consulting firm that specializes in affordable housing issues. "Housing has always been a driver of economic growth and now is a perfect time for industry professionals to strengthen their expertise as they lead the way in providing housing to those for whom affordable housing might seem out of reach."

Keynote speakers include U.S. Rep. J.D. Hayworth (R-AZ), member, House Ways and Means Committee, and New Orleans councilmember Oliver M. Thomas, Jr., chairman, Housing and Human Needs Committee.

The conference will assemble a cross-section of experienced developers, policymakers, attorneys, lenders, and state and local housing officials to explore how programs and administrative changes will impact the affordable housing industry in 2002.

The **Credit & Bond Financing for Affordable Housing Conference** is co-sponsored by PW Funding/Kasper Mortgage Capital, a national Fannie Mae DUS and FHA lender specializing in affordable housing transactions, and Simpson Housing Solutions LLC, one of the nation's largest affordable housing developers and investors in tax credit communities.

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; Atlanta; Austin, Texas; Kansas City, Mo.; New Philadelphia, Ohio; and Washington, D.C., the firm provides a full spectrum of attest, tax, valuation, market research and consulting services to affordable housing developers, syndicators, lenders and investors.

For more information about Novogradac & Company LLP's Credit & Bond Financing for Affordable Housing Conference, contact Kathy Czajkowski at (415) 356-8037, or visit the firm's web site at [www.taxcredithousing.com](http://www.taxcredithousing.com).

