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**U.S. Rep. William J. Jefferson, D-La., to Keynote Novogradac & Company LLP's Credit & Bond Financing for Affordable Housing Conference in New Orleans This Month**

**New Orleans, La.** – U.S. Rep. Bill Jefferson, D-La., Senior Member of the House Ways and Means Committee, will provide the keynote address at Novogradac & Company LLP's **Credit & Bond Financing for Affordable Housing Conference: Driving Forces of the Tax Credit and Tax-Exempt Bond Markets** at the Loews New Orleans Hotel, May 11-13.

The **Credit & Bond Financing for Affordable Housing Conference** will explore President Bush's 2006 proposed budget and the priority he has set on tax reform goals that hold potential threats to tax credits and tax-exempt bonds. "There is no better time to gather to discuss how the industry can take the steps necessary to address ways to alleviate the pressures it faces in the coming years," says Michael J. Novogradac, conference chairman.

A cross section of experienced developers, policymakers, attorneys, lenders, syndicators, and local and state housing agency professionals, who have first-hand experience with the complex characteristics of tax-exempt bonds and low-income housing tax credits, will gather to discuss the many issues facing the industry. Concurrent sessions will examine the documentation related to bond financing; an exploration of the numerous financing resources; how to record bond transactions properly and how to work the numbers in a Year 15 qualified contract; as well as look into the areas of refinancings and reissues; combining tax credits and tax-exempt bonds; and a case study of a bond closing.

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