June 1, 2009

Dear Affordable Housing Developer,

As you may know, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("ARRA") contained provisions specifically related to affordable housing development. The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the Equity Replacement Program ("ERP") the Illinois Housing Development Authority ("IHDA") is administering in response to the ARRA legislation that may be beneficial to your development.

Between June 15, 2009 and July 1, 2009, IHDA will be accepting the first round of ERP applications from sponsors of certain projects that were awarded either 9% or 4% 2007 or 2008 low income housing tax-credits ("LIHTC") from IHDA.

In general, eligible projects are those that received an award of 9% or 4% 2007 or 2008 LIHTC that have not yet completed construction and that have a financing gap created primarily as a result of reduced pricing for, or an investor’s demonstrated lack of interest in, a project’s LIHTC.

According to our records, your project may be eligible to apply. Please review the documentation contained in this package including the ERP program overview and competitive selection process, application checklist, and application.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Linda Thurmond at (312) 836-5292 or Stephen Gladden at (312) 836-5351.