FEDERAL HOUSING POLICY:
MHP ANNOUNCES TWO NEW RESOURCES FOR MINNESOTA

- **Federal Housing Pages**: To track federal housing programs and resources
- **Federal Housing Policy Forum 2009**: Oct. 23, Wilder Center, St. Paul

Housing initiatives are evolving rapidly, with new federal programs responding to the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. To help the state keep abreast, the Minnesota Housing Partnership (MHP) is debuting a set of Federal Housing Pages—web tools for Minnesota communities, stakeholders, developers, advocates, and citizens to track federal housing programs and resources. Later, on Oct. 23rd, MHP convenes a Federal Housing Policy Forum to delve further into that landscape.

- **MHP Federal Housing Pages**
MHP’s Federal Housing Pages track federal housing programs and resources for Minnesota. The new web pages provide a guide to a critical assortment of federal housing policies. Site visitors can click on links to housing topics such as rentals, homeownership, foreclosures, and energy—or community development, jobs, transportation, and other topics that overlap with housing. There’s also an alphabetical list of topics. These pages offer an overview and a roadmap important for times of rapidly changing government actions and measures affecting Minnesota and the nation.

- **MHP Federal Housing Policy Forum 2009**
Friday, October 23 (8:30 A.M. –1 P.M.), at the Wilder Center in St. Paul, MHP’s Federal Housing Policy Forum will offer a comprehensive look at recent federal housing legislation and what it means for Minnesota communities. Housing industry representatives will cover hot funding and program topics for Minnesota.

Featured speakers include **Mark A. Linton**, newly appointed Director of the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships (U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development), and **Colleen Landkamer**, newly appointed Minnesota State Director for Rural Development (U.S. Dept. of Agriculture).

Basic registration is $10.00 per person (in person or, for those who can’t make it, by audio conference). An optional box lunch is available for an additional $10.

-- Register to attend in-person at: Federal Housing Policy Forum --
-- Register to participate by audio conference at: Fed. Forum Audio Conference --

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The Minnesota Housing Partnership [2446 University Ave W.-Ste 140 | St. Paul, MN 55114], a statewide nonprofit, advances the preservation and creation of housing affordable to low- and moderate-income people as a means of strengthening communities and families. MHP provides local governments and nonprofit housing organizations access to loans, grants, and technical expertise to plan and construct housing; it also advocates for and educates people on sound housing policies.