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### Montgomery Housing Partnership's Building Trade Expo and Luncheon will feature assistance for small apartment owners

**January 15, 2009 – Silver Spring, MD** Owners and managers of small apartment buildings face enormous challenges in this economy. While bigger apartment complexes have adequate resources, staff and expertise, smaller apartment building owners are often left to fend for themselves. Just finding an experienced and reliable plumber or electrician can be a tedious day-long effort. Figuring out how to pay for maintenance and improvements can be overwhelming.

Montgomery Housing Partnership, a private affordable housing non-profit, is partnering with the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) to offer a free expo and luncheon geared towards addressing the problems small apartment building owners face. The event will be held on Friday, February 13, 2009 at the Crown Plaza Hotel located at 8777 Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Owners and managers will have the opportunity to meet local contractors, electricians and plumbers who are looking for new clients. Information concerning grants and loan opportunities will also be available. "This is an excellent venue for networking and talking to other small property owners and managers about what works and what doesn't," explains Maureen Sarver, the organizer of the event.

Those interested in attending the expo and luncheon should register with Maureen Sarver by February 6, 2009 at 301-622-2400 X44 or by e-mail at [msarver@mhpartners.org](mailto:msarver@mhpartners.org). Expo organizers are also seeking contractors, plumbers and electricians, who would like to attract new clients, to exhibit at this event for free. Call or e-mail Ms. Sarver to reserve an exhibit space.

*Montgomery Housing Partnership's mission is to preserve and expand quality affordable housing in Montgomery County. This mission is accomplished by acquiring, rehabilitating, building and managing quality affordable housing; enhancing the vitality of the neighborhoods in which affordable housing is located; and developing and implementing community life programs in those neighborhoods.*