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SPHA's Statement on Release of Use Restriction for Rogall Apartments

ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA – The St. Petersburg Housing Authority (SPHA) received official notice from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on April 17, 2008, that the use restriction on Rogall apartments has been lifted. HUD's decision allows the pending sale of Rogall, a Section 8 project-based apartment complex, to Vector Properties and KEGB to move forward. The buyer intends to rehabilitate the facility into affordable, homeownership units.

SPHA understands the complexity of the relocation process for Rogall's elderly and disabled residents and remains committed to serving their best interests. Currently, there are 150 residents living in Rogall. SPHA will assist each resident in finding quality, replacement housing; no one living at Rogall will be left without an affordable home.

SPHA's Relocation Plan for Residents of Rogall explains the services that will be provided to all residents, including covering all costs for relocation counseling, transportation, moving services, transfer or set-up of utilities, Housing Choice Voucher program assistance and counseling, social and support services and additional assistance for residents with disabilities.

All Rogall residents will receive written notice of relocation. At this time, the authority has verbally informed residents of HUD's approval, but no written notices have been distributed.

The Rogall and Graham Park properties are being sold because they are obsolete and financially unsustainable.

About St. Petersburg Housing Authority (SPHA):

The St. Petersburg Housing Authority (SPHA) is a public body corporate that has a 70-year history of developing and administering affordable housing programs in the city of St. Petersburg. Consistently scored as a "High Performer" on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) assessments, SPHA provides housing assistance to more than 3,400 families residing in the city of St. Petersburg. The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) has recognized the SPHA with several national agency awards of merit for initiatives such as the Economies of Scale program, the Jordan Park HOPE VI redevelopment program, the Section 3 program, and its Fraud Recovery program. More information about the Authority's programs and services can be found at www.stpeteha.org.

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