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ENTERPRISE ADVANCES ITS GREEN AGENDA, JOINS WHITE HOUSE, HUD, DOT FOR CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY FORUM

(Columbia, Md., March 9, 2010) – On March 3, 2010, Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. (Enterprise) was invited to join a select group of officials from the White House, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) for the Clean Energy Economy Forum: Livability and Sustainable Communities – Taking Action for a Clean Energy Future. The forum brought together key stakeholders from the affordable housing, smart growth, clean energy and climate communities.

During the forum, panelist and Enterprise Community Partners president and CEO Doris W. Koo discussed Enterprise’s goal of partnering with developers in all climatic regions of the United States to build and rehabilitate homes to be healthier, more energy efficient and better for the environment – without compromising affordability.

“Clean energy is the key to unlocking the potential of America’s economy and our ability to create jobs and build the kind of strong, sustainable, inclusive communities our country needs to compete and prosper in the 21st century,” said Shaun Donovan, secretary, HUD. “Enterprise is taking real action and leading by example to create green jobs and build healthy, sustainable, affordable housing.”

Enterprise launched Enterprise Green Communities in 2004 to transform the way we locate, design and build affordable housing. During the past five years, Enterprise Green Communities has created more than 16,000 smarter, healthier green homes; invested \$700 million in equity, loans and grants and trained 4,000 housing professionals nationwide. Enterprise recently announced an investment of \$4 billion in the next five years to ensure that all affordable housing is green by 2020. Building on this commitment, Enterprise issued a national call to action to the public, private and nonprofit sectors to make all affordable housing – new and existing – green.

“Central to Enterprise’s mission is our fundamental commitment to give people an opportunity to move up and out of poverty,” Koo said. “Enterprise Green Communities represents a proven, cost-effective approach to creating healthy, vibrant communities for families with low incomes and advances smart growth practices across the country.”

Enterprise looks forward to continuing its work with the administration, HUD and DOT on their housing and transportation goals for sustainable growth.

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Enterprise is a leading provider of the development capital and expertise it takes to create decent, affordable homes and rebuild communities. For more than 25 years, Enterprise has introduced neighborhood solutions through public-private partnerships with financial institutions, governments, community organizations and others that share our vision. Enterprise has raised and invested more than \$10 billion in equity, grants and loans to help build or preserve more than 250,000 affordable rental and for-sale homes to create vital communities. Enterprise is currently investing in communities at a rate of \$1 billion a year. Visit www.enterprisecommunity.org and www.enterprisecommunity.com to learn more about Enterprise's efforts to build communities and opportunity.