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**CMHA, Cuyahoga Land Bank, the City of East Cleveland, the City of Cleveland, and Cuyahoga County Break Ground on New Senior Building**

**CLEVELAND, OH (November 4, 2011)** – Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) will be joined by the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation (Cuyahoga Land Bank), the City of East Cleveland, the City of Cleveland, and Cuyahoga County for a ground breaking ceremony for the Euclid Belmore Building on November 7, 2011 at 2 p.m.

The Euclid Belmore Building groundbreaking ceremony will take place on the Belmore site in East Cleveland at 14028 Euclid Avenue which is at the corner of Euclid Avenue and Belmore Road. Belmore Euclid will be a three floor apartment building with 39 units, six of which will meet UFAS, designed by LDA Architects.

CMHA is using \$5.3 million in Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 funding received from the U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development. The NSP 2 funding is part of a \$41 million dollar competitive grant award received by the Cleveland-Cuyahoga NSPII Consortium. With the Cuyahoga Land Bank serving as the lead agency, other Cuyahoga Consortium members that jointly obtained the grant are the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County.

“CMHA is committed to providing quality housing for our residents and is proud to be a part of this collaborative effort to bring this project to fruition,” said Jeffery K. Patterson, CMHA Acting CEO.”

“We are proud to be a part of making this project possible,” said Gus Frangos, President of the Cuyahoga Land Bank. “This project adds to the rejuvenation of the community in which it takes place in addition to serving the senior population.”

The Cuyahoga Consortium, the partners obtained one of the largest per capita grants in the U.S. for the purpose of neighborhood stabilization (NSPII), which is currently being applied to projects such as the Belmore Senior Building development. Obtaining these funds would not have been possible if these partners had not decided to make stabilizing our community a collaborative effort.

“Revitalization of a city requires strong partnerships,” said Gary Norton, Mayor of East Cleveland. “We are proud of this collaborative effort, as we work to revitalize our community.”

#### About CMHA

Founded in 1933, the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority is the oldest public housing authority in the country. It is an independent political subdivision of the State of Ohio, created under sections 3735.27 and 3735.50 of the Ohio Revised Code. It serves Cuyahoga County excluding Chagrin Falls Township, through two federally assisted housing programs: Low-Income Public Housing, which serves 16,000 residents, and the Housing Choice Voucher Program, which provides rental assistance to 14,000 households.

#### About Cuyahoga Land Bank

The mission of the Cuyahoga Land Bank is to strategically acquire properties, return them to productive use, reduce blight, increase property values, support community goals and improve the quality of life for county residents.

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