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## News Release

### **CFAA APPLAUDS THE INCLUSION OF RENTAL HOUSING IN THE ECO-ENERGY RETROFIT INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR HOMES**

**Ottawa, July 14** – The Canadian Federation of Apartment Associations (CFAA) applauds the Federal Government for extending the eco-Energy Retrofit Incentive Program for HOMES in a way which supports energy efficiency in rental housing.

Announced yesterday, the extension makes available \$400 million for energy retrofits in low-rise rental housing and owner-occupied housing.

The newly extended federal eco-Energy Retrofit Incentive Program for HOMES applies to residential rental buildings with fewer than four storeys and a footprint of less than 600 square metres (6458 square feet), as well as to mobile homes on a permanent foundation. Because of its name, many landlords have not realized that the program is available to them.

Thanks to CFAA's suggestions in 2008 and 2009, and the positive response of the government, the maximum incentive is \$5,000 per unit (rather than per building), and larger buildings are eligible for rebates that reflect the greater number of homes (rental units) which make up a larger building, rather than the more limited amount which reflects a single family home. As well, the presence of some commercial space no longer disqualifies a building which is mostly residential.

CFAA also applauds the work of the government and the officials in Natural Resources Canada and the office of Energy Efficiency in making energy evaluations more easily available for multiple unit buildings than they were when the program was launched.

CFAA President John Dickie says, "Rental owners need to act quickly to register their buildings, arrange the energy evaluation and perform the work in order to qualify for the incentives."

Eligible work includes insulation, air-sealing, heating systems, cooling systems, domestic hot water equipment, windows, doors and skylights, some water saving measures and other work that reduces energy consumption.

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*The Canadian Federation of Apartment Associations represents the owners and managers of close to one million residential rental suites in Canada, through 17 associations across Canada. CFAA is the sole national organization representing the interests of Canada's \$40 billion private rental housing industry, which houses more than seven million Canadians.*