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## Business

### Business digest

Company to build HUD dream home

DAVIDSONVILLE - Newport Partners has won \$1.4 million in federal grants for a range of housing projects, including the construction of a model home that can change to suit a family's evolving needs and reduce the need to move.

The "Concept Home" is a part of the Partnership for Advancing Technology in Housing, a public initiative mixed with private-sector interests, designed to speed up the use of technology to improve single-family homes.

Newport Partners will use part of the grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to build the first home. It's working with federal officials to finalize a site, and construction is expected to start in a few months, said Beth Weaver, company spokesman.

The money will also be used to fund a project that will research regulatory barriers to affordable housing, ideas that builders will support and set up a program to share building product technologies.

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