HUD plans concept house for Omaha

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The "home of the future" is coming to Omaha.

A Housing and Urban Development group plans to build a concept house in Omaha to demonstrate new home technology, said Liza Bowles, the project manager.

Innovations will include a flexible floor plan, customizable design and advancements that will speed building and improve durability.

HUD's Partnership for Advancing Technology in Housing is behind the project. "The idea was to build something and showcase what can be done," Bowles said.

Brighton Construction in Omaha was selected as the builder. Brighton is working with the group in Lincoln to build two-story houses and townhouses using environmentally friendly "green" practices.

Preliminary plans indicate that the Omaha house will be built near Creighton University in the next year, Bowles said. It will be on display for a while and then put up for sale at about $150,000.