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**NEWPORT PARTNERS AWARDED HUD GRANT  
TO CONTINUE WORK ON THE HOME OF THE FUTURE**

*New Hire James Lyons to Lead Project*

Newport Partners LLC, a Davidsonville, Maryland-based housing technology company, was recently awarded a \$347,584 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to create blueprints for HUD's Partnership for Advancing Technology in Housing (PATH) Concept Home for the building industry. This is the second phase of the PATH Concept Home project, led by Newport Partners, to develop high quality home models for the future that are easily adaptable to changing lifestyles and increasing technological advances.

"We are excited to be in the forefront of developing innovative and affordable housing technology," said Liza Bowles, General Manager of Newport Partners LLC. "Working closely with architects, builders, and home and product manufacturers, we plan to move the PATH Concept Home to the next stage—creating plans to get these unique homes built."

Results from the first phase of the Concept Home include schematic designs for prototype homes using today's technologies and tools, which can easily be retooled to keep up with the march of ever changing technology. Another key focus of the Concept Home is adaptability to change in lifestyle, e.g., changing from a family of five to empty nesters.

James M. Lyons, who began his service as a Senior Consultant with Newport Partners LLC last month, is the project manager for the Concept Home project. Lyons previously served as Director of Energy and Environmental Programs at the National Association of Home Builders' Research Center. A registered Professional Engineer, Lyons has significant experience in residential building systems and energy infrastructure and efficiency standards. He holds a B.S. in mechanical engineering from the University of Virginia and a M.S. in environmental engineering from Johns Hopkins University.

PATH, an alliance between the federal government and the U.S. housing industry, focuses on emerging housing technologies that will improve the affordability and value of new and existing homes.

Newport Partners LLC, established in 2002, is dedicated to providing analytical and technical services that support both the housing industry and public sector. Its services range from technology roadmapping and policy analysis to market research, physical testing and code adoption.