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HANO Board Approves Agreement to Build 156 Mixed-Income Homes in Bywater/Marigny Area

New Orleans, LA (August 18, 2017) - The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to approve a Master Development Agreement (MDA) to build 156 mixed-income homes and four (4) homeownership units in the Bywater and Marigny neighborhoods. The \$26 million construction project will advance the Agency's Scattered Site Strategy resulting in increased affordable housing opportunities for low-to-moderate income residents.

"The Board's approval solidifies our commitment to increase affordable housing opportunities for low-to-moderate income residents," said HANO Executive Director Gregg Fortner. "This agreement will allow HANO and ITEX to proceed with our Scattered Sites Strategy and permit us to begin extensive community engagement."

The MDA establishes the roles and responsibilities of each entity and includes a draft construction budget, and projected development schedule. According to the agreement, HANO authorizes ITEX to continue exploring financing options based on the approved unit mix that will include 60 percent affordable and 40 percent market-rate rental apartments on the site. The MDA also specifies a developer fee split of 75 percent payable to ITEX and 25 percent payable to HANO, with surplus operational cash equally divided.

"ITEX looks forward to continuing work with HANO's staff and Board, the area neighborhood associations and the City to provide additional affordable housing opportunities for residents in the Bywater/Marigny area. We are optimistic that our partnership with these organizations will not only generate sustainable homes for citizens of all income levels, but will also attract new businesses and services for residents living in these beautiful and historic neighborhoods," said Clark T. Colvin, ITEX Group Executive Vice President.

ITEX recently responded to a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) issued by the City of New Orleans, for the use of funding distributed by the City's Office of Community Development. The

developer will submit an application to the Louisiana Housing Corporation later this year for the use of four (4) percent Low Income Housing Tax Credits paired with bonds issued by the Louisiana State Department of Treasury.

For more information or to view HANO's Scattered Site Strategy, visit www.hano.org.