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Mixed-Use / Mixed-Income Development in Downtown Presented by Connecticut Main Street Center

(Hartford, CT) – Connecticut Main Street Center, in cooperation with HOMEConnecticut, an initiative of the Partnership for Strong Communities, will present a forum on Mixed-Use / Mixed-Income Development in Downtown on Friday, September 22, 2006 at 8:45 am at The Lyceum Center in Hartford.

Guest speakers Dan Carmody, President of the Downtown Improvement District in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Brian Hollenback, Executive Director of the Rock Island (IL) Economic Growth Corporation, will identify the barriers to and opportunities for mixed-use/mixed-income development in downtown, and identify the tools and resources required for mixed-use/mixed income projects. The speakers will also discuss how the public and private sectors work as partners to build break-through projects, what to look for in assessing feasibility of upper floor development in existing buildings, and managing code challenges, in plain English.

This forum is sponsored by the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority. Registration for this event is free, but must be received by September 15, 2006. Registration and complete information, including speaker profiles and directions, can be found at www.ctmainstreet.org or by calling 860-280-2337.

Part of a national network that has been in place for over 25 years, Connecticut Main Street Center brings together public officials, business owners, financial resources, community activists, and the economic development and historic preservation communities under one umbrella organization. CMSC helps communities analyze core issues and set attainable goals. The organization provides education and training, design and technical assistance, and advocacy.

Connecticut Main Street Center, a nonprofit corporation funded by the State of Connecticut Department of Economic & Community Development and The Connecticut Light and Power Company, is committed to bringing Connecticut's commercial districts back to life socially and economically.

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