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Cambridge Housing Authority and Teamsters Union Local 122 Agree on Three Year Labor Contract

Cambridge, MA – 9/28/2009 – The Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA) Board of Commissioners announced today that the CHA and Teamsters Union Local 122, the union representing the agency's administrative staff, have agreed to a new contract.

Negotiations around the new contract moved quickly, with each side working diligently to reach mutually agreeable terms. "Meetings between the bargaining committee and management team fostered mutual respect. Working toward this new contract was truly a collaboration between the employees' bargaining unit and CHA," said Local 122 Shop Steward Billye Ruth Thomas. "The Authority's recognition of the hard work, sacrifice and dedication of its employees is reflected in the terms of this agreement. We look forward to the next three years of serving our clients and furthering CHA's mission with enthusiasm and commitment."

According to CHA executive director Gregory P. Russ, CHA's Board of Commissioners and management team are very pleased with the final agreement. "We are glad that the members of Local 122 and CHA have agreed on a new contract, which I believe acknowledges the great work our administrative employees do each and every day," Russ said. "CHA is regularly recognized as one of the nation's finest Housing Authorities and that is in large part due to the efforts of our fine staff."

The three-year contract takes effect retroactively on April 1, 2009 and is effective through March 31, 2012.

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ABOUT CHA

The CHA is one of a handful of Housing Authorities participating in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Moving to Work (MTW) Demonstration. CHA is nationally recognized for its innovative approach to creating and promoting affordable housing in one of the nation's most competitive real estate markets. The CHA has an annual budget of over \$65 million and a staff of 160. CHA's portfolio includes over 2600 federally and state funded public housing units, over 2500 Section 8 vouchers and 380 units of non-profit affordable housing.