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HEADLINES



2008 Will See Housing Stabilization, No Recession, Says NAHB

Colorado Springs, Colo.--The National Association of Home Builders' (NAHB) official view is that the country will escape a recession and housing starts will bottom out as early as the middle of this year.



Leading Multifamily Developers Face Shortage of Equity Financing

Colorado Springs, Colo.--The scarcity of some forms of capital will be responsible in part for lower multifamily production numbers for their companies in the next few years, according to a panel of leading multifamily developers speaking at the National Association of Home Builders' (NAHB) recent Multifamily Pillars of the Industry Conference and Awards Gala.

SPOTLIGHT

Developers Agree They Can Charge Higher Rents for Mixed-Use Projects Colorado Springs, Colo.--Testimonials from developers lend support to the notion that the monetary benefits of mixed-use developments are greater than for pure apartment projects.

Investor Demand Will Help Apartments Weather Recession, Says Grubb & Ellis Economist

Santa Ana, Calif.--Evidence suggests that the United States is now at the beginning of a recession, but the apartment industry is best positioned to weather the downturn, according to Bob Bach, senior vice president and chief economist, Grubb & Ellis Company.

Job Losses Fail to Dent Rent Increases in Southern California

Los Angeles--Apartment rents across Southern California will rise slowly this year, according to the Casden Real Estate Economics Forecast released recently by the University of Southern California Lusk Center for Real Estate.

FYI

Alliant Capital Acquires EF&A Funding to Enhance its Debt Capabilities

Woodland Hills, Calif.--The Alliant Capital Co. LLC has completed its acquisition of Seattle-based EF&A Funding, a one of 26 Fannie Mae DUS lenders.



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