Birmingham Housing Authority, Benoit Group Close on *Edgehill at Southtown* Redevelopment Deal for Senior Housing

BIRMINGHAM, AL – The Housing Authority of the Birmingham District (HABD) and <u>The</u> <u>Benoit Group</u> – a member developer of <u>Southside Development Company</u> – have closed on the *Edgehill at Southtown* redevelopment deal for senior housing.

The housing development, a highly-anticipated effort with a budget of \$39M, will consist of 143 new one-bedroom apartment homes for Birmingham seniors ages 62 and older. In addition to modernized apartment homes, the development will boast of onsite storage for residents, a business center and community lounge, an exercise room, off-street parking, and building Wi-Fi.

"We closed on the redevelopment of family housing with <u>BREC Development, LLC</u> [a member developer of Southside Development Company] in March of this year, and we're excited to seal the deal with The Benoit Group on new affordable housing for Birmingham seniors," **said HABD President and CEO Dontrelle Young Foster**. "The former 22-acre public housing community, Southtown Court, served generations of families since its construction in 1941. This effort – along with others in HABD's portfolio like the \$50M redevelopment of Smithfield Court – will help transform Birmingham's public housing landscape to better serve future generations, and we're proud to be leading the charge for creating more affordable housing opportunities in Birmingham."

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Edgehill at Southtown will be a mixed-use, mixed-income neighborhood with residential, green, and office space along with walkable retail and other amenities. The family building will consist of 60 midrise apartments anchored by a 4,000 square-foot clubhouse. Other uses in future phases will include a focus on complementing and expanding the city's healthcare and biotech sectors given the site's proximity to the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Ascension St. Vincent's, Southern Research, and the VA.

A rendering of the senior residential development can be viewed <u>here</u>.