

## Habitat - DOTC

**Housing Partner:** Habitat for Humanity and Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council  
**Building Type:** single family homes (home ownership)  
**Investment Priority:** Aboriginal families with low-to-moderate incomes

### Project Description:

- ◆ **Location:** 5 Scattered sites, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- Number of Households:** 5 households
- ◆ **Total Estimated Project Cost:** \$750,000 **Funding source:** Housing Trust
- ◆ **Federal/Provincial Contribution Toward Project Cost:** Total capital costs for this project are estimated at \$750,000. Habitat is requesting funding of \$500,000 under the HOMEWorks! Een Dah Aung Home Ownership Program in 2010/2011 and will raise a further \$250,000 from private and corporate funders in the community
- ◆ **Additional Information:** Habitat has partnered with the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council (DOTC) to construct five homes for Aboriginal families in Winnipeg. The DOTC will recommend families for participation in Habitat's homeownership program. Revenues collected from the five DOTC homes will be reinvested to build more homes targeting Aboriginal families. Eligible families select a location from Habitat's inventory with the size and design of the home determined by the composition of the family. As a minimum, homes will be built to meet Manitoba Hydro's PowerSmart Gold Standard. Some may be built to meet Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) Silver Certification or higher. All homes will be visitable on the main floor. Units are sold to families who contribute 500 hours of sweat equity in lieu of a down payment. Homeowners purchase a non-profit home from Habitat with 0% interest and no down payment. Payments are calculated at a maximum of 25% of family income (geared to income) with an amortization period as long as necessary. To keep construction costs low, volunteers from the community, with other Habitat families completing their own sweat equity, contribute thousands of hours of labour under professional supervision. Winnipeg Habitat for Humanity Inc. (Habitat) is an international, not for profit organization that provides new homes to low- to moderate-income families. Habitat has built over 170 homes in Winnipeg since 1987. Manitoba Housing has committed funding for 40 homes. This is the fifth project between Manitoba Housing and Habitat increasing the total to 45 homes.
- ◆ **Status:** construction start in April 2010; estimated completion in March 2011.

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