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**Significant Multi-Family Portfolio Evaluated by Deal Sikes & Associates**

**HOUSTON, TEXAS, Monday, August 20, 2012** — Deal Sikes & Associates, one of the nation’s leading real estate valuation and counseling firms, completed an evaluation of a significant multi-family portfolio of properties in Texas and Illinois.

The portfolio included 18 multi-family communities with a total of 6,707 residential rental units. The portfolio was valued at \$375 million. Deal Sikes & Associates was retained by a family estate for the real estate valuation assignment.

“The apartment sector is the strongest part of the nation’s real estate market. Occupancy is up and landlords have been able to attain tremendous increases in rental rates,” said Matthew Deal, principal of Deal Sikes & Associates. “Investors have been pursuing multi-family properties and price appreciation has been notable in the last two or three years.”

With experience in evaluating over \$1 billion in apartment developments across the country, Deal Sikes & Associates is one of the nation’s leaders in multi-family valuation services.

Deal Sikes & Associates, based in Houston, provides real estate valuation and counseling services for eminent domain initiatives, transactions, estate tax planning, due diligence research and litigation support. The principals of Deal Sikes & Associates provide real estate counseling and valuation services for governmental agencies, real estate companies, law firms and corporate clients across the nation.

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