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Mice and Easy

BOSTON—Whether they call it the House Mouse is uncertain, but the **Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership** has upgraded its online apartment search service to make the process of finding an apartment easier and streamline the uploading of information by property owners. The free service that can be found at www.mbhp.org enables photos to be posted of apartments and links to an online mapping service so prospective tenants can see the location.

“We’ve learned from numerous tenants, property owners and agencies of the need for a comprehensive online service where people who are searching for affordable housing can, with a few clicks of a mouse, access a databank of available apartments,” explains **MBHP Executive Director Chris Norris**. The online listing service has already assisted thousands, he says, but “the enhancements to this service will make it easier for tenants, property owners and housing search specialists to access the information and connect with people more quickly.”

Parties on both sides of the aisle already praise the MBHP resource, including housing search specialist **Theresa DiPietro**, calling it “a great resource” in her work helping families in shelter find a permanent solution. **Jeffrey Hinds**, who owns residential units across Boston, says he has been using the listing service for years and getting referrals from prospective tenants as well. “It’s definitely easy to

use,” Hinds says, adding the free nature of the database is also welcomed. “Property owners can get the work out there to tenants without having to spend any money up front,” he says, adding he is looking forward to posting photos and the mapping component. ■

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JAN 20TH

MORTGAGE: \$22,000,000 from **Wachovia Bank NA**

ADDRESS: 38 Holbrook St., Norfolk
BORROWER: Clay Chevrolet Inc.

JAN 19TH

BUYER: 285 Everett Ave. LLC

SELLER: Everett Avenue Associates Inc.

ADDRESS: 284 Everett Ave., Chelsea

PRICE/TYPE: \$1,550,000 (COM)

NOTES: Two-story brick industrial property, constructed 1880; building size is 18,300 sf, lot size is 20,450 sf; seller’s ownership dates to June 1978

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