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## **O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission Expands Sound Insulation Program to Multi-Owner Dwellings**

Des Plaines, Ill., February 23, 2009—In its continuing effort to abate aircraft noise for residents who live near O'Hare International Airport, the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) approved a sound insulation policy Feb. 6 that targets qualified multi-owner dwellings.

The decision to begin sound insulation work for the first time on multi-owner homes—in particular, condominiums—fulfills the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirement that all residences located within the noise contour of the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP) are considered for soundproofing eligibility.

ONCC's Residential Sound Insulation Program, in cooperation with the Chicago Department of Aviation, has overseen the installation of soundproofing in single family homes since 1997. To date, more than 6,954 homes and 115 schools have been sound insulated at a cost of \$500 million. Funding comes from the FAA's Airport Improvement Program and the city of Chicago Passenger Facility Charges.

“Our inclusion of multi-owner dwellings is the logical next step,” said Cook County representative and Residential Sound Insulation Committee Chairperson Frank A. Damato. “We are issuing bids this month and anticipate actual construction will begin by September following homeowner briefings, the bid and contract process, and extensive field work,” he said.

“In addition to the policy for sound insulating multi-owner buildings that have governing boards or management companies, we also passed a resolution to accommodate the small multi-owner buildings that do not have formal management structures,” Damato explained.

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## O'Hare sound insulation expands to multi-unit dwellings/add 1

A \$20 million budget approved in 2008 will cover sound insulation for approximately 1,000 single and multi-unit dwellings in Chicago, Des Plaines, Rosemont, Park Ridge Schiller Park and Bensenville. Additional single and multi-owner dwellings within the OMP noise contour will be sound insulated as funding becomes available, Damato said.

For further information, contact ONCC Executive Director Brian Gilligan, 773-686-3198, or visit [www.oharenoise.org](http://www.oharenoise.org).

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ONCC, composed of 27 Cook and DuPage communities, Cook County and 15 school districts, strives to reduce the impact of aircraft noise on surrounding neighborhoods through home and school insulation, and to reduce, wherever possible, aircraft noise at its source. For more information, contact Brian Gilligan, 773- 686-3198, or visit [www.oharenoise.org](http://www.oharenoise.org).

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