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LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD AWARDED \$1 MILLION DOLLARS FOR GREEN JOBS TRAINING

Grant Will Fund A Green Building Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program

Los Angeles – October 14, 2009 – The State of California Employment Development Department (EDD), California Energy Commission and the California Workforce Investment Board have awarded \$1 million to the City of Los Angeles Community Development Department (CDD) and the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) for the City's Green Building Retrofit Pre-Apprenticeship Academy. The City proposes to provide training and job placement services to 200 low-income individuals with an emphasis on the most vulnerable populations, including disconnected youth, ex-offenders, homeless persons, and persons with disabilities.

The Academy will focus its Green Building Retrofit Pre-Apprenticeship training efforts (Green Retrofit) on the Greater Los Angeles area, placing an emphasis on retrofitting both private and public buildings throughout the city of Los Angeles, and at Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) facilities. The Academy will offer career-focused, short-term training programs that integrate and promote industry awareness and skill attainment, academic and basic skills remediation, and supportive wrap-around services. The goal is to train low-income participants for entry-level positions, including those as registered apprentices.

This collaborative effort combines funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("Stimulus" funding) for the State Energy Program and the Workforce Investment Act Governor's Discretionary funds. The focus on the Greater Los Angeles region stems, in part, on the City's legislative initiatives (the Private Sector Green Building Ordinance and the public sector Green Retrofit and Workforce Ordinance) and, in part, on the LACCD's public investment in constructing and retrofitting its campuses to become energy efficient (\$5.7 billion voter-approved Sustainable Building Program).

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Key to the City's successful application is forging of a strong collaborative relationship between CDD, the City of Los Angeles Workforce Investment Board (WIB), the LACCD, and other partners. In addition, this proposal draws upon the regional partnership established under the Los Angeles Workforce Systems Collaborative (LAWSC), whose members include the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles City and County WIB, the LACCD, the Los Angeles Unified School District, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, EDD, and the United Way of Greater Los Angeles, among others.

The award is consistent with CDD's mission to create economic, social and employment opportunities for individuals, families and neighborhoods in need.

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