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PRESS RELEASE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO ISSUE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS (RFPs) FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND HOPWA ACTIVITIES

MIAMI, FL (March 2, 2010) – The City of Miami Department of Community Development will be issuing Requests for Proposals (RFP) for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 (36th Year) on **Wednesday, March 3, 2010, 12 noon**, for non-profit agencies and for-profit entities seeking federal funding in the categories of **Public Service/Economic Development Activities** and/or **Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS**. Applications will be available on March 3rd at 12 noon, at Community Development offices located at 444 SW 2nd Ave., Second Floor, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on the web at www.miamigov.com/communitydevelopment/pages/rfq.

The Department will also be holding three Pre-Proposal Workshops for those seeking information on the RFP for **Public Service/Economic Development Activities** and one Pre-Proposal Workshop for those seeking information on the RFP for the **Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Activities**. All interested applicants are encouraged to attend the workshops for assistance with the proposal process although attendance is not mandatory. All the pre-proposal workshop sites are accessible to the handicapped. Requests for special accommodations may be directed to the Department of Community Development at 305-416-2080 no less than three (3) business days prior to the event date. The pre-proposal workshops will be held as follows (*based on category*):

Public Service/Economic Development Activities (CDBG):

Monday, March 8, 2010, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon, Simpson Park, 55 SW 17th Rd.

Tuesday, March 16, 2010, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon, Grapeland Park, 1550 NW 37 Ave.

Tuesday, March 23, 2010, 1:30-4 p.m., Little Haiti Cultural Center, 260 NE 59 Terrace

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA):

Tuesday, March 16, 2010, 1:30-4 p.m., Little Haiti Cultural Center, 260 NE 59 Terrace

Proposals are due on **Monday, April 5, 2010, by 3 p.m.**, at the City Clerk's office at Miami City Hall, located at 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, FL 33133. **No applications will be accepted after 3 p.m. on that date.** For questions concerning the Public Service/Economic Development RFP, please e-mail Lillian Blondet at lblondet@miamigov.com. For questions concerning the HOPWA RFP, please contact Roberto Tazoe at rtazoe@miamigov.com. Please see the RFPs for submission requirements and full details.

The Department of Community Development solicits proposals from agencies seeking to implement projects and/or services fundable with federal dollars. These funds are intended to further qualify housing opportunities, create quality of life enhancements, increase access to quality facilities and services, and stimulate economic revitalization that will aid low-income persons in the City of Miami.

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