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HANO, City of New Orleans, Woodward Design Build, HRI Properties and Urban Strategies Announce Section 3 Employment and Training Opportunity Fair

Event to provide direct access to economic opportunities for low-income residents within the CNI footprint

New Orleans, LA. (May 9, 2014) - On **Tuesday, May 13th**, Woodward Design Build (WDB), HRI Properties (HRI) and Urban Strategies, contractors with the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO), will host a community event to highlight upcoming employment and training opportunities for Section 3 eligible residents. The event is scheduled to take place at the **Tremé Recreation Center** located at 900 N. Villere Street from **noon until 3pm**.

"Thanks to HUD's \$30.5 million Choice Neighborhoods Initiative, the revitalization of Iberville is underway," Mayor Mitch Landrieu said. "It is important that local residents who are looking for work attend this important job fair to connect with employers and learn about training opportunities."

"HANO, The City of New Orleans, and partners are excited to once again provide job and training opportunities for our residents during the redevelopment and full transformation of Iberville," said Administrative Receiver Marilyn O'Sullivan. "This fair reaffirms our commitment to continue working with developers to ensure access to employment and job training for residents within the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Choice Neighborhoods Initiative footprint."

HANO's Employment, Training and Contracting Policy outlines the agency's requirement for contractors expending at or more than \$100,000 to provide training, employment and contracting (Section 3/DBE/WBE) opportunities at its construction sites in accordance with HUD's Section 3 Policy. HRI and WDB engaged national non-profit Urban Strategies to identify and implement a Section 3 strategy in line with HANO's policy for the Iberville site. Urban's role is to recruit and connect Iberville families with greatly needed employment and training opportunities, along with case management, workforce development, and educational and life skills support.

"The goal is to exceed compliance requirements by creating real, sustainable opportunities for success for Iberville residents," says Esther Shin, Executive Vice-President, Urban Strategies, Inc. "Our intention is to align Section 3 onsite opportunities with additional support to include access to adult education, advanced training and barrier support and removal to increase the likelihood of long-term

success to impact families and change lives. The Section 3 fair provides opportunity to put these service and workforce linkages in place."

Contractors such as Durr Heavy Construction LLC, Helwig Construction Company LLC, Northside Electric Company Inc, Pontchartrain Mechanical Company Inc, South Coast Concrete LLC, Specialty Demolition LLC, and Woodward Steel Group that are currently working on vertical construction at Iberville will provide a listing of future job placement opportunities.

Additionally, HANO's Section 3/MWBE Program Coordinator Larry Barabino, Jr. will facilitate a session with potential sub-contractors on the agency's Employment, Training, and Contracting Policy. Urban Strategies will facilitate a seminar focused on how to obtain and retain a job. Attendees will also have the opportunity to register and complete the required Section 3 application. Eligibility is determined by Orleans Parish residency and low-income status.

The Tremé Recreation Center is accessible to persons with disabilities and will provide services or assistive devices that enable disabled persons to participate in its programs, meetings, and activities. If you have a reasonable accommodation request relative to attending this event, please notify Djuana Johnson at (504) 658-3161 at least seven (7) days prior.

For additional information on Section 3 employment, training or contracting opportunities, call Mai Dang, Section 3 Program Manager with Urban Strategies, at (504) 920-5126, Larry Barabino, Jr. with HANO at (504) 670-3268, or visit www.hano.org.

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