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**CITY OF LOS ANGELES WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM
TO HONOR 4-STAR PERFORMERS**

LOS ANGELES – The City of Los Angeles Workforce Investment Board and the Community Development Department join with City Council President Eric Garcetti and Robert. R. “Bud” Ovrom, Deputy Mayor for Housing and Economic Development, to formally honor the City’s FOUR-STAR WorkSource and OneSource Centers for their outstanding performance during Program Year 2005-2006 (July 1, 2005-June 30, 2006). This event will take place on Friday, January 19, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., in the fourth floor Media Room of City Hall (opposite the Rotunda).

“Economic development is only meaningful if it includes human development,” said Council President Eric Garcetti. “By reaching out to our communities and giving workers opportunities they wouldn’t otherwise have, our system of Worksource Centers help workers and families in Los Angeles reach their dreams.”

The City’s 18 WorkSource Centers provide job search and employment-related services to adults, dislocated workers and businesses. The 13 OneSource Centers provide school-to-career services to youth ages 14-21 along with summer employment services. The Community Development Department administers the City’s Workforce Development System with oversight and policy direction by the Workforce Investment Board (WIB). Funding for the system comes from the federal government through the State Employment Development Department (EDD).

“Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa clearly recognizes that a strong workforce is the essential foundation both for a strong economy and a healthy, just society,” said Mr. Ovrom, “Anyone who is willing to work should have access to a decent job paying a living wage and offering opportunity for advancement. For many in our City, this first requires access to an adequate education, to training, and where necessary, to supportive services. I am very happy to recognize our highest-performing centers, that are partners with us in opening these doors to those who need it most.”

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“Having watched the City’s Workforce Development System evolve and learn over the past years, it is very exciting to me to see the number of Four Star performers increasing each year,” said Charlie Woo, Chair of the Los Angeles City Workforce Investment Board. “We have high expectations of our contractors—as we should, in order to ensure the highest quality of service for Angelenos—and these Centers have stepped up and exceeded those expectations. One day, I hope to see all our Centers here in this room, receiving awards for excellence.”

The Four Star performers will be given a special award during this reception, and will then receive commendations before the full City Council immediately following at 10:00 a.m.. Centers earn Stars through their Annual Performance Evaluation, which uses a balanced scorecard approach to examine the performance of the agencies each program year. A maximum of four stars is possible for each program year.

For program year 2005-2006, the following WorkSource Centers achieved Four Star performance: Chatsworth-Northridge, operated by Build Rehabilitation Industries; Hollywood, operated by MCS Rehabilitation, Inc.; Southeast LA-Crenshaw, operated by UAW – Labor Employment Training Corporation; South Los Angeles, operated by Community Centers, Inc.; Sun Valley, operated by El Proyecto del Barrio; and Westlake, operated by Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment (PACE). The OneSource honorees are El Proyecto del Barrio North and South Valley.

Los Angeles City Hall is located at 200 N. Spring Street. The public entrance is located on Main Street between Temple and First Streets.

For more information on the Community Development Department and the WorkSource System, visit our website at www.lacity.org/CDD/

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