

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Certification Program begins for Minority-Owned Businesses

The City of Savannah is urging all minority- and women-owned business enterprises (M/WBE) to apply now for M/WBE certification. Certification verifies that a business qualifies for M/WBE status, and will become a mandatory requirement for M/WBE firms to participate in City procurement activities in 2010. Businesses must fill out an application (available online at www.savannahga.gov) and undergo a scheduled site visit

by the City's Department of Economic Development. The process is designed to be a simple but thorough review, and takes 30-90 days to complete.

The M/WBE program assists in the growth and development of businesses owned and controlled by women and minorities. An important activity of the program is to increase the participation of those businesses in City of Savannah procurement opportunities. Businesses that

already have certification from recognized agencies, such as the Department of Transportation, U.S. Small Business Administration 8 (a) or Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council, will be fast-tracked in the application process.

For more information on certification, please contact the M/WBE Office at (912) 651-3653 or send email to MWBECertification@savannahga.gov.

Telfair Museum of Art Presents 15th Annual Telfair Art Fair

This fall, the Telfair Museum of Art presents its 15th Annual Telfair Art Fair from November 14-15, on Savannah's historic Telfair Square. One of the museum's largest annual fundraisers, the Telfair Art Fair, a juried art show and sale.

The weekend kicks-off on the evening of Friday, November 13 with a member preview event, the "Arty Party," at 7 pm. Guests will have an opportunity to preview the vast array of original artwork on display and meet the participating artists at this chic cocktail reception.

At noon on Saturday, \$10,000 in prizes will be awarded in a brief ceremony inside the Art Fair tent. This year's Art Fair judge, Susan Krane-Oshman Executive Director at the San Jose Museum of Art-will select winners in a number of categories.

The Children's Art Fair in the Square-themed Reinvent! Recreate! Reuse!-will feature a variety of art stations with creative activities for kids incorporating natural, found, or recycled items. Activities include ornament-making with shells and recycled jar lids; building pinecone bird feeders; pet rock and leaf rubbing projects; creating crazy hair grass heads; and jewelry-making with shells and beads.

On Saturday and Sunday, the festival is free and open to the public. Telfair Art Fair hours are Saturday, November 14, 10 am- 5 pm,

and Sunday, November 15, 12-4 pm. Admission to the Arty Party on Friday, November 13 is \$75 per person for current and renewing members and \$100 per person for first-time members

(includes a one-year membership); call 912.790.8869 for reservations.

For more information on the 15th Annual Telfair Art Fair, please contact us at 912.790.8869.

INVITATION TO BID
Sealed bids/proposals will be received by the Board of Education for the City of Savannah and County of Chatham at the Purchasing Department, 208 Bull Street, Room 213, Savannah, Georgia 31401.

- 10-29 Cooler & Freezer Replacement at Pulaski
Pre-bid meeting will be held at Pulaski Elementary School, 5330 Montgomery St. Savannah, Ga 31405 on 11/06/09 @ 10 AM
Closing Date: 11/17/09 @ 10 AM
- 10-44 Pleated Air Filters (Annual Contract)
Closing Date: 11/17/09 @ 11 AM
- 10-46 Reconditioning of Helmets and Shoulder Pads
Closing Date: 11/24/09 @ 11 AM
- 10-47 Savannah High School Portal and Door Project
Prebid meeting will be held at Savannah High School, 400 Pennsylvania Ave. Savannah, Ga 31404 on 11/10/09 @ 10 AM
Closing Date: 11/19/09 @ 11 AM
- 10-50 Grease Trap Annual Cleaning
Closing Date: 11/17/09 @ 2 PM
- RFP
C10-02 Enterprise Access Control System for Godly Station K8 School & Central Station
Closing Date: 11/24/09 @ 2 PM

At the time and place noted above, bids will be publicly opened. No extension of the bidding period will be made unless indicated by written addendum. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities or technicalities in proposals received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the best interest of the Board. The Board has the right to disqualify a bid if any bidder deemed non-responsive to the Board. The Savannah-Chatham County board of Public Education does not discriminate in educational programs, activities, or employment on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability. Bidding documents may be obtained from the Purchasing Department, 208 Bull Street, Room 213, Savannah, Georgia 31401 or they may be downloaded from the District's web site, www.savannah.chatham.k12.ga.us.

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collaborative project involving AASU's College of Education and Educational Technology Center (ETC) and Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools' Woodville-Tompkins Technical and Career Institute.

The project will engage students transitioning from ninth to 10th grade. Participating students will attend a four-day camp prior to the beginning of the school term, during the summer or winter break, to introduce them to the program. In addition, they will attend classes two Saturdays per month during each school term.

The Woodville Technical and Career Institute is a "shared center" offering high school students hands-on experiences and allowing them to acquire

entry-level workplace skills in their chosen career pathways, while they continue to attend their home schools.

"Among the goals for students participating in the project are better grades and increased school attendance in addition to improved student discipline," said Patricia Wachholz, AASU dean of the College of Education.

"Students at this age have a high level of interest in video games," said Wendy Marshall, director of AASU's ETC. "This project will provide students a common group experience that will help them form additional bonds and advance toward high school graduation."

"This collaboration with AASU and Woodville-Tompkins will be a benefit to students in Savannah as we begin to provide teaching in

computer science by way of gaming," said Derrick Muhammad, administrator for Woodville-Tompkins.

Camille Russo, regional manager for AT&T Georgia, said, "We are committed to strengthening our communities by supporting underserved populations and promoting education programs that create economic opportunity. Companies like AT&T are able to invest in key educational initiatives because of the public policy positions that our Legislature takes on business issues. I would like to commend the entire Savannah legislative delegation for helping us create an environment that recognizes the importance of investing in our communities and education."

For more information visit www.armstrong.edu

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Earline Wesley Davis
Director, Housing Authority of Savannah

income information.

Applicants to the Housing Authority's public housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program are required to disclose all income before assistance is approved and at re-certification. Statements made by applicants about household income and income sources are critical to determining their eligibility to participate in the program and the amount of assistance the applicant will receive. Violation of disclosure requirements will not only result in cancellation of benefits, but could now also lead to prosecution and incarceration.

Kenneth M. Donohue, inspector general for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Inspector General said, "This joint investigative effort by HUD's Office of Inspector General, the

Housing Authority of Savannah and the Eastern Judicial Circuit Chatham County District Attorney's Office will help send a strong message that those who seek to unlawfully profit by defrauding programs within HUD will be thoroughly investigated."

Residents who receive housing assistance through the Housing Authority of Savannah will have an opportunity to reconcile their income information prior to any prosecutorial action by the District Attorneys Office, says Larry Chisolm, Chatham County district attorney. Our goal is to discourage any fraudulent activity that could result in prosecution.

Public Housing residents and Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) participants should contact their management office or

case managers within 10 days of changes in income, household composition and all other changes to be in compliance with HUD requirements, says Earline Wesley Davis, director of the Housing Authority of Savannah. This applies to families paying income-based, flat rent, and negative renters. Information documenting all changes must be presented to the Housing Authority.

The Housing Authority manages 1,876 public housing apartments and 2,868 Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV). The waiting lists for both programs are CLOSED. There are more than 1,500 families on the waiting list for public housing and more than 1,400 for HCV.

Under this cooperative initiative, Housing Authority of Savannah officials will verify all income for household members 18 and older; State Wage Information Agencies (SWICAs) and current and former employers. HAS officials will use SSI and SSD income, retirement pay, child support and contributions that will be compared to HUDs Earned Income Verification Report (EIV). When discrepancies are found, the head of household will be interviewed to resolve the discrepancies.

Cases referred for prosecution in Chatham County will be handled for the government by the Office of Chatham County District Attorney Larry Chisolm.

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- 515 W. 33rd St. (3 Bedrooms)..... \$550
- 508 W. 33rd St. (3 Bedrooms)..... \$550
- 520 W. 33rd St. (3 Bedrooms)..... \$550
- 520 W. 34th St. (3 Bedrooms)..... \$550
- 415 W. 33rd St. (3 Bedrooms)..... \$550
- 410 W. 34th St. (3 Bedrooms)..... \$550
- 518 W. 34th St. (3 Bedrooms)..... \$550
- 402 W. 33rd St. (2 bedrooms)..... \$485
- 421 W. 34th St. (2 Bedrooms)..... \$485
- 129 Millen St. (2 Bedrooms)..... \$400
- 27 1/2 Wright St. (2 Bedrooms)..... \$350
- 105 Wright St. (2 Bedrooms)..... \$400
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- 1418 Church St. (3 Bedrooms)..... \$650



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