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**DHA'S ANNUAL PROCUREMENT OPEN HOUSE
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OVER 500 BUSINESS OWNERS**

Denver, CO – Over 500 local entrepreneurs packed into the ballroom of Denver's Doubletree Hotel to learn about future contracting opportunities during the Denver Housing Authority's (DHA) Annual Procurement Open House. Held on February 12th, the Open House provided vendors with a broad overview of DHA's short-term goals for developing affordable housing as well as specific contracting needs projected for the coming year.

"Our Procurement Open House is one way we recognize the importance of working closely with the business community, especially in these economically challenging times" noted Ismael Guerrero, DHA's Executive Director. "This event is part of our effort to effectively communicate opportunities for doing business with DHA, particularly to small and minority business owners."

The Procurement Open House included break- out sessions presented by several DHA departments, including contracts that are currently available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus funding.

In addition, business owners had the opportunity to schedule one-on-one sessions with representatives from DHA's Procurement Services department and other appropriate departments. Senior management staff members and buyers were available throughout the morning for networking.

Presentations made during the Procurement Open House as well as the DHA 2010 Procurement Plan are available for downloading on the Business Opportunities page at www.denverhousing.org. Business owners can also register their company with DHA's E-Procurement system at www.denverhousing.org/procurement in order to receive bid announcements electronically. Questions regarding DHA purchasing can be answered by calling 720-932-3068.

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About Denver Housing Authority

The Housing Authority of the City and County of Denver (DHA) owns, manages and administers over 10,700 federally subsidized, non-subsidized housing units and Section 8 vouchers in the City and County of Denver. DHA has an annual budget of over \$140 million that includes \$35.3 million in Capital Financing for development.

