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THE PARTNERSHIP FOR NEW COMMUNITIES TO SPONSOR SECOND CONNECTING OPPORTUNITIES EVENT IN BRONZEVILLE

Parade of Retail will Inform Area Businesses of Sites for Expansion

CHICAGO (July 31, 2007) – The Partnership for New Communities, with partners Quad Communities Development Corporation (QCDC), Women's Business Development Center (WBDC) and Chicago Community Ventures (CCV), will host the Parade of Retail Tour to help business owners connect with franchising and expansion opportunities along the Cottage Grove corridor on Aug. 2, 2007 at the Bronzeville Coffee House, 528 E. 43rd St. at 8:00 am.

The breakfast and information session is the second Connecting Opportunities event, a series designed to spread awareness of programs and business prospects and stimulate interest in revitalizing communities.

The Partnership and hosting development organizations will:

- Provide first-hand information about commercial development to attendees
- Inform entrepreneurs of finance programs that can help them open or expand their businesses
- Foster a network of potential business owners in the Bronzeville community

Featured speakers will include members from CCV, QCDC, WBDC, Citibank and development firm Mahogany Ventures. A bus tour of the community will immediately follow the session.

More than 40 attendees were present at the first Connecting Opportunities breakfast, which took place in March and focused on linking employers with workforce providers and job seekers.

Through Connecting Opportunities and other economic development campaigns, The Partnership aims to equip community residents, employees, business owners and organizations with the tools to create vibrant and diverse neighborhoods as Chicago undergoes its ambitious plan to transform public housing.

For more information on The Partnership for New Communities, visit our Website at www.thepartnershipfornewcommunities.org.