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Residents Employed Through Job Training Program

Housing Authority Program Empowers Residents towards Economic Independence

(San Bernardino, CA) Thirteen Housing Authority residents are participating in a new job training pilot program to learn skills in landscape construction/urban farming and construction/maintenance/remodeling thanks to the agency's recent partnership with Technical Employment Training (TET), the San Bernardino Employment and Training Agency (SBETA), and Cal Poly Pomona.

The program consists of two different 6-month pilot programs that will cover construction and landscaping; a total of 735 hours of classroom and on-the-job training. Currently underway is the landscaping construction/hydroponics pilot program at the Maplewood Homes Affordable Housing Community in the City of San Bernardino. The construction training component, already completed by these students, consists of the use of construction tools, safety in the field, the actual deconstruction of a building, and preparing materials for reuse.

With the help of Cal Poly Pomona, the students are being trained to establish the 1,000 square feet organic community garden which will include two hot houses, six large planter beds, and six hydroponics systems. A revolutionary endeavor for this community! Residents have limited access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

"We are proud to provide our residents with the opportunity to participate in a paid job training program. This will afford them with the skills and motivation to eventually reach economic independence. We look forward to being able to train as many residents as possible through this program," states Daniel Nackerman, HACSB's President/CEO.

Job placement is a key component of the program and in the next 6-months, the students will learn about career opportunities in landscaping and green jobs, use of tools and equipment, safety in the workplace, and essential job readiness skills.

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The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino is one of the nation's most progressive housing authorities. As the largest provider of affordable housing in the County, we proudly serve in excess of 30,000 people, most of whom are seniors, disabled individuals, and children. We also work on providing our families with the resources,

skills, and motivation to achieve their personal goals. For more information on the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino, please visit www.hacsb.com.