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HACC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RICHARD MONOCCHIO NAMES NEW CHIEF OF STAFF & CONTINUES PRACTICE OF PROMOTING FROM WITHIN AGENCY

Diversity Goals Also Highlighted with Recent Internal Promotions

(Cook County) – The Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) today named a new Chief of Staff, Alesia Hushaw, who was promoted from Director of Project Development. Ms. Hushaw will report directly to the Executive Director and will be responsible for the day to day operations of the HACC.



Alesia Hushaw, HACC Chief of Staff

Ms. Hushaw is no stranger to the inner workings of the Agency and has worked in several departments throughout her 5 year career at the HACC. Most recently, she has been responsible for overseeing the Agency's \$90 million affordable housing portfolio which includes its most critical property needs to convert and rehabilitate its housing units. Her strong background in the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) federal cost principles, finance and other affordable housing core components will ensure the agency's primary goals are successfully met.

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“I am delighted to name Alesia to Chief of Staff and have no doubt that her background and people skills in finance, planning, operations and human services will serve the agency and the residents we serve in a professional and passionate manner,” said HACC Executive Director Richard Monocchio. “Equally important is that our leadership is diverse and we continue to seek qualified staff from within the Agency, providing them with training opportunities that will ultimately advance their experience and careers,” he stressed.

The HACC employment roster is culturally diverse with almost 80 percent of the HACC employees representing minority communities. Of the 38 HACC employees in management roles, 24 are minorities.

Under the HUD procurement goals and regulations, solicitation is public and open to all businesses. The HACC adheres to Section 3 goals as mandated by HUD. The HACC also released its most recent figures on Minority & Women Business Enterprise (MBE/WMBE) contracts. Since 2011, the HACC has competitively awarded 75 percent of contracting opportunities to W/MBE businesses through the public bid process, far exceeding the City of Chicago’s required 30 percent quota. These awarded contracts are valued at approximately \$9M.

Last year, the HACC increased its MBE/WBE participation goals by 11 percent and continues to make minority hiring and minority business opportunities one of its top administrative priorities.

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