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## **Jersey City Minority Recruitment Drive for Construction Laborers' Union Apprenticeship and Employment**

*Jersey City Employment and Training Program Recruiting Qualified Minorities*

Jersey City, New Jersey – The City of Jersey City in partnership with the Jersey City Employment and Training Program and the New Jersey Laborers' Union is recruiting qualified minority residents to join the Laborers' Union Apprenticeship Program.

"Developers see opportunity and potential by selecting Jersey City for construction projects," said Mayor Steven M. Fulop. "They have an obligation to honor the terms of the Project Labor Agreements and having a ready work force for contractors will ensure those terms can be met."

The New Jersey Laborers' Union has facilitated a special opportunity for Jersey City residents to join their Apprenticeship Program this summer. The program entails an intensive two-week training in Jamesburg, New Jersey followed by two years of full-time work at a union wage at a PLA construction project in Jersey City. These two years will include 400 hours of related classroom instruction in Jamesburg.

The Jersey City Employment and Training Program is urging Jersey City residents at least 18 years of age who are either African-American, Hispanic, Asian, or American Indian to apply for this program. Interested applicants must be physically able to perform the work of the trade, possess a valid and current driver's license to qualify for this class, pass a drug test, and be at an 8th grade reading and math level. Those without a driver's license should still apply to be considered for a future class.

"This is a unique and promising opportunity," JCETP Executive Director James E. McGreevey stated. "There are a limited number of openings for this highly desirable program."

Individuals interested in applying should contact Betsy Padilla or Marilyn Ramirez with the Jersey City Employment and Training Program at (973) 692-6210 to schedule an interview and eligibility assessment.

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