

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
for the
NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM**

In August 2008, the United States Congress authorized The Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) as a federal grant under the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA). The purpose of this program is to provide emergency assistance for the acquisition and redevelopment of foreclosed and abandoned properties that might otherwise become sources of abandonment and blight within their communities. The Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS), as the NSP administrator for the State, is currently seeking housing redevelopment project proposals that will help revitalize and stabilize communities that have been the most negatively impacted by foreclosures, high-risk mortgages, and high rates of abandoned or vacant properties.

The NSP funding will be used for eligible activities under the program, which include purchase and rehabilitation of foreclosed homes for resale or rental, demolition of blighted structures, provision of secondary financing for the purchase of properties, redevelopment of demolished or vacant properties, and land banking. The HERA requires that the funds be used in areas of greatest need and that they be obligated to a specific property within 18 months of receipt of funding by the State.

The Neighborhood Stabilization Program Request For Proposal (RFP) can be downloaded from the Illinois Procurement Bulletin website at www.purchase.state.il.us/ and on the State of Illinois Neighborhood Stabilization Program website at <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/NSP>. *Please note: Applications are due on May 4, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.*

DHS will host statewide workshops throughout March to provide technical assistance to potential applicants and organizations seeking to learn more about the NSP. Representatives from HUD, the Illinois Housing Development Authority, the Corporation for Supportive Housing, the Supportive Housing Providers Association, and the Illinois Assistive Technology Program will be on hand to answer questions and facilitate additional informational sessions for organizations interested in learning more. Please refer to the NSP website at <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/NSP> for information on how to register.

Date	City	Location
March 9 9:30 am-5:00 pm	Peoria	Proctor Professional Building, 5409 N Knoxville Peoria, IL 61614
March 10 9:30 am-5:00 pm	Springfield	Dept of Natural Resources One Natural Way Springfield, IL 62702-127
March 11 9:30 am-5:00 pm	Marion/Carbondale	Mantra Con Corporation 3000 West DeYoung, Suite 800 B Marion, IL 62959
March 12 9:30 am-5:00 pm	Alton/East St. Louis	IMPACT 2735 East Broadway Alton, IL 62002
March 17 9:30 am-5:00 pm	Chicago	Madden Mental Health Center 1200 S. First Avenue Hines, IL 60141

For more information, or to request reasonable accommodations for any of the workshops, please contact:

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