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After School Matters Issues RFP for Summer '07 Teen Programs

Chicago, IL—After School Matters (ASM) has issued a request for proposals (RFP) for its Summer Youth Initiative 2007, soliciting proposals from community-based organizations and Head Start sites in Chicago's many neighborhoods that can provide teens enriching, hands-on apprenticeships in the arts, communications, science, sports, and technology during Summer 2007.

“We have grown significantly over the past few years—from nine programs in three high schools serving 180 teens in 2000 to over 700 programs in 41 schools serving nearly 23,000 teens in the 2005-2006 school year—and we plan to serve even more Chicago teens in the coming year,” explained Executive Director David Sinski. “This RFP will allow us to continue to offer the highest-quality after-school programs available.”

The RFP was released on Friday, January 5, 2007, at the South Shore Cultural Center, located at 7059 South Shore Drive. Informative workshops that help applicants learn more about the new RFP and meet ASM staff are scheduled for the week of January 8-12, at locations throughout the city:

- Monday, Jan. 8, 3:00-5:00 PM. Downtown Region Summer 2007 RFP Workshop (mandatory for Summer 2007 Downtown Region applicants), Gallery37 Center for the Arts, 66 E. Randolph St., 5th Flr., Rm. 513.
- Tuesday, Jan. 9, 3:00-5:00 PM. Regions 3 & 4 Summer 2007 RFP Workshop, Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park, Community Rm.
- Wednesday, Jan. 10, 3:00-5:00 PM. Regions 1 & 2 Summer 2007 RFP Workshop, Bucktown-Wicker Park Branch Library, 1701 N. Milwaukee Ave., Community Rm.
- Thursday, Jan. 11, 3:00-5:00 PM. Regions 5 & 6 Summer 2007 RFP Workshop, Washington Park Refectory, 5531 S. King Dr.

After School Matters is a non-profit organization that partners with the City of Chicago, Chicago Public Schools, the Chicago Park District, the Chicago Public Library, the Chicago Department of Children & Youth Services, and community-based organizations to expand out-of school opportunities for Chicago teens.

Through ASM programs, Chicago teens can safely take part in activities that offer positive relationships, skills that translate to the workplace, and exposure to career and educational opportunities both in their neighborhoods and throughout the city.

For more information about the After School Matters Summer Youth Initiative 2007, please call 312-742-4182 or visit www.afterschoolmatters.org.

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