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Claudius A. Adebayo Executive Director Mr. Brian O'Connell, Executive Director, Redevelopment Authority 730 Washington Avenue Racine, WI 53403

Dear Mr. O'Connell,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of OIC of Racine County, I would like to request for the approval of the Redevelopment Authority to donate or sell at a nominal fee, the parcel of land (Tax ID No. 04754000) located at North Wisconsin Street, to OIC of Racine County for its YouthBuild Racine GreenTech Program.

The program that will benefit from the donation does so much to serve the young adult population of Racine, Wisconsin. YouthBuild is a program that helps low-income youth who have dropped out of school to complete their high school education, train for high-wage construction job and gain work experience. And while rebuilding their lives, these young people help rebuild their community too. They are 18 to 24 years old, work in the classroom to earn a GED or High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED), work on housing construction projects within the community and increase the availability of high quality, super energy-efficient, green homes which are beneficial for our sustainable future.

The results? Everybody wins. Young people gain good education, learn to be disciplined and become economically self-sufficient. Communities gain responsible, productive new citizens who pay taxes instead of draining it. Neighborhood appearance and property values improve. City residents own beautiful homes and maintain stable neighborhoods, stable families and higher tax base for the city.

The project plans to start screening about 120 youth applicants for the Green Construction Trades Training program in June of 2010. If approved, construction will start at this site in July 2010 with 32 trainees. Graduates of the program will be transitioned into higher education or apprenticeship program with some local construction companies that had expressed interest.

If you have any question, please feel free to call me at 636-3818. Thank you.

Truly yours,

Claudius A. Adebayo

cc: Members of the Redevelopment Authority, City of Racine.

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