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Trade Partnerships and Robust Apprenticeship Program with Unions Ensure Job Creation and Section 3 Component of Hope VI Project

TRENTON—Mayor Tony F. Mack will present preliminary plans, which if agreed upon through trade partnerships, will create an apprenticeship program for residents. The Section 3 program of the HOPE VI project requires recipients of certain U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grants to provide job training, employment, and contract opportunities for low income residents. Mayor F. Mack will present the administration’s plans Thursday, January 12; 1:00pm in the Mayor’s Conference Room.

“An apprenticeship program will immediately employ residents while ensuring their membership in those unions upon completion of the Hope VI project. I will attend the Mercer County Building Trades Council later this month to present these ideas at that forum, and I hope each union formally forges their commitment on that date,” stated Mayor Mack.

According to U.S. Department of Labor - Bureau of Labor statistics on 2008 through 2018 Projections, “construction and extraction occupations are expected to grow 13 percent, adding about 1 million new jobs. Construction trades and related workers will account for about 808,400 of these jobs,” (<http://www.bls.gov/oco/oco2003.htm#occupation>).

HUD awards HOPE VI grants to public housing authorities to encourage public-private partnerships to transform severely distressed housing into mixed income opportunities that help the residents and the city as a whole. The administration hopes to formally secure an official partnership with the housing authority and unions to create a robust program.

WHO: Mayor Tony F. Mack and Guests

WHAT: Press Conference Announcing Apprenticeship Program

WHEN: Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 1:00p.m.

WHERE: Trenton City Hall, Mayor’s Conference Room, 2nd Floor