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SUBJECT: **MCDA Technical Assistance Winter Conference, December 10, 2009**

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The 2009 MCDA winter technical assistance conference, *Partnering for Progress*, will focus on effective partnerships and collaborations in implementing federal programs such as Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP); within the guidelines and timeframe allowed. The conference will provide valuable information to community development practitioners to leverage NSP, and to demonstrate how partnerships can strengthen communities in the most efficient and effective way possible.

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The **General Session** will provide an overview of the importance of increasing efficiency and effectiveness of local government services. Dave Boerger, SEMCOG Consultant, will discuss strategies for increasing performance through collaboration, benchmarking and restructuring services. Dr. Joan Ilardo, from Michigan State University will discuss the principles of collaboration.

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MHRSN Sessions

The MHRSN sessions will focus on "healthy homes," building on ideas presented at the 2009 MCDA Annual Conference in Frankenmuth, Michigan. Sessions include: Common Problems with Building Envelopes; Healthy Homes; and Surviving a HUD Audit and Review.

Conference Sponsors

Platinum sponsorship for this conference has been provided by SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments in cooperation with the Detroit Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA).

If you have any questions about the sessions or other arrangements for the conference, please contact Ken Bishop, at SEMCOG at (313) 324-3359. I look forward to seeing you in Lansing in December.

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