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Sacramento Regional Partners in Homeownership Present Homeownership Fair 2006 “Opening the Doors to Homeownership in Sacramento”

Sacramento, CA. May 1, 2006. The Sacramento Regional Partners in Homeownership invites the public to attend the free Homeownership Fair on Saturday, June 24, 2006. The event takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sacramento Association of Realtors Auditorium, 2003 Howe Avenue, Sacramento.

The Homeownership Fair features for than 40 industry exhibitors and free bilingual classes on how to become a first time homebuyer, including information on the process and terms, down payment assistance, credit reports and scoring. Visitors who attend classes can also find out how to avoid tempting loans that can cause serious trouble for borrowers, and tips on home energy efficiency and smart money management. Prospective homebuyers will be able to talk one-on-one with professionals in real estate, lending, credit counseling, government housing agencies and private housing advocates, insurance, title companies, moving companies, home energy raters, housing-related trade associations, and many more!

The WISH (Workforce Initiative Subsidy for Homeownership) program is available again this year through the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco. The program provides up to \$15,000 in 3-to-1 matching grants (based on client's share of \$5,000) for down payment and closing cost assistance to very low-, low- and moderate-income first time homebuyers who have participated in a mortgage assistance program. This program is designed to help working households in high-cost areas purchase homes. Eligible clients must complete homeownership education classes through Home Loan Counseling Center of Sacramento.

The Sacramento Regional Partners Homeownership Fair is the most complete one-stop opportunity to find out everything potential homebuyers need to know to unlock the door to their first home. For more information visit the Homeownership Fair website at www.OwnAHomeFair.com or call the Home Loan Counseling Center at (916) 646-2005.

The Homeownership Fair 2006 is produced by a countywide partnership of local government agencies, non-profit organizations and local elected officials. The partnership includes : the County of Sacramento, the City of Sacramento, the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, the City of Citrus Heights, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-Sacramento, U.S. Representative Doris Matsui, the Home Loan Counseling Center of Sacramento, the Sacramento Association of Realtors, the Sacramento Realist Association, U.S. Bank, Fannie Mae-Central Valley Partnership Office, Sacramento Housing Alliance, California Mortgage Bankers Association, River City Bank, Metro Realty Group, By Design Financial Solutions, Cal-Vet Home Loans, MoneyWell Mortgage, Redmond Resources, and City of West Sacramento.