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Standing Room Only for East Patrol Campus Pre-Bid Meeting

On Friday, September 28, the City re-emphasized the importance of putting Kansas City's local labor force to work on the Kansas City Police Department's East Patrol Division Station and Crime Lab Campus project by hosting a Section 3 contractors networking event. More than 70 individuals and businesses packed the upstairs meeting room at the Gem Theater making it a "standing room only" event. The Section 3 session immediately followed the mandatory pre-bid meeting for the first phase of demolition and abatement work for the East Patrol Campus project area. This is a first session of this kind to follow a City pre-bid meeting.

Members of the local contracting community were in attendance to hear details about the project's demolition and abatement requirements from city staff members and members of the project design team. The subsequent Section 3 networking event allowed contractors, subcontractors and Section 3-certified businesses and individuals to engage in discussion and develop partnerships. Third District councilmembers Melba Curls and Jermaine Reed were also in attendance.

"The record turnout today shows the importance of this project to the City, the contracting community as well as the Third District," said Jermaine Reed, Third District Councilmember. "We had a diverse group of more than 70 individuals and businesses from the community who are ready to get to work, and I am committed to ensure that happens on this project," he continued.

"This was a great opportunity to connect certified Section 3 businesses and individuals with the contractors working on this project," said Melba Curls, Third District-at-Large Councilmember. "This is an unprecedented economic opportunity for Kansas City's Third District."

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The mandatory pre-bid meeting focused on the demolition and abatement of the first seven properties located in the project area. Bidding documents are available online to all interested parties on the Kansas City, Missouri Plan Room, www.kcmoplanroom.org, and bids will be received by the City until 2:00 p.m. on October 9, 2012. All addenda, including any changes to the bid opening date, will be posted at www.kcmoplanroom.org. Additional demolition, abatement and deconstruction packages will be issued as the project progresses.

Because the project is a designated HUD Section 3 project there are increased contract opportunities for certified Section 3 certified business concerns located in and around the project area. Overall, the East Campus project is committed to at least 10 percent Section 3 goals on the construction phase of the project and Section 3 workforce goals of 30 percent on all new hires for this project. Businesses interested in being Section 3 certification can visit the City's Section 3 office in the Historic Lincoln Building at 1601 E. 18th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 64108.

The \$57 million East Campus project is located in the City's Third District with boundaries including Prospect Avenue on the east, Brooklyn Avenue, on the west; 26th Street, on the north, and 27th Street on the south. The project components include the East Patrol Division Station, a state-of-the-art crime lab, a multi-purpose center, and an evidence and property depository.

For information regarding other upcoming demolition, construction and business opportunities on the East Campus project, contact Eric Bosh, City Architect at eric.bosch@kcmo.org or 816-513-2517 or visit the project's website at www.saferkc.com/east.