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AUSTIN HOUSING AUTHORITY TO KICK OFF NEW ENERGY LITERACY INITIATIVE

WHAT: The Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) and local utility organizations

will celebrate a partnership to launch energy literacy pilot programs at public housing

properties.

WHEN: 11 a.m., Tuesday (May. 24)

WHERE: Henry Flores Education and Training Center, Meadowbrook Apartments, 1201 W.

Live Oak, Room 126

EVENT: HACA and its partners will participate in the national STEM, Education, and

Economic Development (SEED) pilot program developed by a partnership between the U.S. departments of Housing and Urban Development, Education, and Energy that encompasses three pillars: energy literacy, STEM education, and job-driven skills training. HACA and its local partners focus is to bring energy literacy education to residents of all of its public housing properties in Austin, but giving particular attention to properties currently undergoing energy performance improvements.

Energy efficiency stakeholders, including Austin Energy, Austin Water, Pecan Street, and Texas Gas, and HACA staff and public housing residents will discuss proposed work on three HACA properties.

Representatives from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Department of Energy will be on hand to provide information about the national SEED goals, five other participating cities, and will explore how energy literacy impacts energy efficiency and economic development.

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