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### *City of Rockford Holds Community Development Public Input Sessions*

ROCKFORD – April 21, 2014 – The week of April 21, 2014 the City of Rockford’s Community and Economic Development Department is hosting a series of Public Input Sessions in the preparation of the *2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan*. The Public Input Sessions are to allow the Community and Economic Development Department to gather feedback related to housing and community development needs and their impacts to the community.

For the convenience of our citizens, five (5) meetings open to the general public have been scheduled to obtain input. These sessions, which will be repeated each day, will be held on the below dates and locations:

April 21st, from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM in the Community Room at North Main Manor, 505 N. Main Street;

April 22nd, from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM in the Constance Lane Room at Montague Branch Library, 1238 S. Winnebago Street;

April 23rd, from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM at Katie’s Cup, 502 – 7<sup>th</sup> Street;

April 24th, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM in Classroom 126 in Building 5100 of Rockford University at 5050 E. State Street;

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM in the Community Room at the 1325 N. Johnston Avenue.

The 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan will assist the community in assessing the affordable housing and community development needs, market conditions, and to

make data-driven, place-based investment decisions. The consolidated planning process serves as the framework for a community-wide dialogue to identify housing and community development priorities that align and focus funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program with the communities goals. The Consolidated Plan also serves as a guide for projects which will be sited within the city of Rockford's corporate limits and supported by certain Federal and State housing dollars including those activities of the Housing Authority. In these circumstances, a verification of consistency with Consolidated Plan is required.

The Consolidated Plan is carried out through Annual Action Plans, which provide a concise summary of the actions, activities, and the specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan. The City reports on the accomplishments and progress toward Consolidated Plan goals in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

“Gaining public input is essential to determining the needs of our community, allocating resources to address these needs and preparing the framework of activities and policy over the next 5 years,” stated the Community and Economic Development Director Todd Cagnoni.

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