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HIRED TO SPONSOR WORKFORCE EVENT FOR FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. (March 6, 2006) – HIRED, one of the Twin Cities' leading workforce development organizations, will host Faith Communities in Tomorrow's Workforce. This half-day workshop for leaders and members of Twin Cities churches and faith-based organizations will be held on Thursday, March 23, at the St. Louis Park Recreation Center, from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. The event is free and open to the public, and will discuss effective strategies to reduce or eliminate barriers and obstacles that keep area residents from fulfilling, sustainable and financially viable employment.

Richard Rezac, director of the Employer Services Division and chair of the Faith-Based Organizations Committee at HIRED, said, "Our goal is to bring together a diverse group of people who represent local churches and faith-based organizations to find common ways to address strategic issues of workforce development. Strengthening our connections with faith-based organizations as we partner with clients and employers is a vital part of finding viable employment solutions for Twin Cities residents."

The event will feature several local leaders, including Minnesota State Demographer Tom Gillaspay, who will address immigration and Minnesota's changing labor force; Urban Adventure founder Peter Heegaard, who will speak about the role of private sector engagement in social issues; and a representative from Higher Expectations, a faith-based organization that has partnered with HIRED to meet employment goals for clients. For more information about the event, call Richard Rezac at 612.302.8509.

Founded in 1968, HIRED's mission is to provide personalized and innovative work solutions. HIRED assists disadvantaged people and other job seekers to become qualified for and obtain employment. HIRED enrolls more than 9,000 persons annually in a number of programs designed to assist low-income adults, dislocated workers, welfare-to-work individuals, refugees and youth. In addition, HIRED provides recruitment and retention services for hundreds of employers each year. To learn more about HIRED, visit www.hired.org or call 612.529.3342.

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