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JOB SKILLS PROGRAM FOR RAMSEY COUNTY YOUTH ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. (September 28, 2006) – YouthLEAD, an employment-based education program of HIRED, a Twin Cities workforce development organization, is now accepting applications from out-of-school youth in Ramsey County for the 2006-2007 program. YouthLEAD, operated in partnership with Ramsey County Workforce Solutions, is a performance-based program that challenges adolescents to develop into healthy working young adults.

YouthLEAD provides one-on-one, individualized counseling, with an emphasis on the attainment of academic and training credentials. Counselors provide skill and interest assessments, employment-enabling support services (including bus cards and clothing for employment and interviewing), and access to post-secondary education and training resources. Through partnerships with community colleges and other organizations, YouthLEAD helps participants obtain skills-based training leading to a wide range of jobs and careers.

HIRED Program Manager Adam Levy said, "YouthLEAD is a great opportunity for teens to discover their talents and passions. For us, it's not just about helping participants find jobs; we want to be sure that the youth in our program find work that is meaningful. Through our one-on-one skills and interest assessments, youth are guided in choosing the job that fits them best. When a path is chosen, we'll do whatever we can to see that each youth has appropriate training to succeed."

The YouthLEAD program is open to out-of-school youth ages 18-21 in Ramsey County. All participants must be enrolled in an ALC program, be pursuing a GED, have dropped out of high school, or be a recent high school graduate. For more information on YouthLEAD and the eligibility requirements, contact Program Manager Adam Levy at 651-291-1861 or e-mail alevy@HIRED.org.

Founded in 1968, HIRED is a non-profit organization providing personalized and innovative work solutions. Each year HIRED enrolls more than 8,000 people in programs designed to assist low-income adults, dislocated workers, welfare-to-work individuals, immigrants and youth to become qualified for and obtain employment. In addition, HIRED provides recruitment and retention services for hundreds of employers. To learn more about HIRED visit www.HIRED.org or call 612-529-3342.

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