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ESTIMATED \$4 MILLION AVAILABLE FOR WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM

Program serves County's homeless during cold weather months

(Los Angeles, CA) The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) announced today the availability of an estimated \$4 million in funding for the 2008-09 Winter Shelter Program. This is a continuation of program funding for the 2008-2009 fiscal year, and a routine rebidding process for the program occurring approximately every three years.

Operating from December 1 through March 15, the Winter Shelter Program works to protect the health and safety of homeless persons in Los Angeles County by increasing the number of shelter beds during the year's coldest and wettest months. The program includes shelter, two meals, and case management services. LAHSA has administered the Winter Shelter Program in Los Angeles County since 1994.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the program is currently available on LAHSA's website at:

<http://www.lahsa.org/fundingopportunities.asp>

A mandatory Proposers Conference & Conference Call will be held for all prospective proposers on Friday, June 6, 2008. Attendees may elect to either attend the conference in person or join the conference call via phone. Further information about the Conference & Conference Call is located on page 13 of the RFP or on LAHSA's website.

LAHSA is the lead agency in the HUD-funded Los Angeles Continuum of Care, and coordinates and manages over \$70 million dollars annually in Federal, State, County and City funds for programs providing shelter, housing and services to homeless persons in Los Angeles City and County. LAHSA currently funds over 290 homeless services programs with approximately 100 service providers in Los Angeles City and County.

For more information about LAHSA's Winter Shelter Program, or about LAHSA's work in general, please contact Syd Peterson, Communications Manager, at 213.689.4094 or speterson@lahsa.org.

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) is a joint powers authority of the City and County of Los Angeles, created in 1993 to address the problems of homelessness in Los Angeles County. LAHSA plans, funds and administers programs that assist homeless individuals and families in their transition to permanent housing. LAHSA is the lead agency in the HUD-funded Los Angeles Continuum of Care, and coordinates and manages over \$70 million dollars annually in federal, state, county and city funds for programs providing shelter, housing and services to homeless persons. Additionally, LAHSA partners with the city and the county to integrate services and housing opportunities to ensure wide distribution of service and housing options. LAHSA funds agencies that address many underserved homeless populations including battered women and their children, persons struggling with chronic homelessness, veterans, youth transitioning from foster care, and individuals with mental health needs. For more information, please see <http://www.lahsa.org>

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