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CITY OF VERNON PRESENTS MOBILE TECHNOLOGY CENTER TO THE SOUTHEAST CITIES

New High-Tech Mobile Center to Help Bridge the Digital Divide in the Southeast Cities

On January 30th, the Mayor of Vernon will formally present to the Southeast Community Development Corporation and the Southeast Cities a MOBILE TECHNOLOGY CENTER – an RV housing 15 laptops and related technology **to provide basic computer literacy training** for low income youth and adults in the Southeast Cities. Vernon’s donation of almost \$500,000 for the mobile technology lab will mean that people living in the Southeast Cities will have access to the internet and technology like never before.

The presentation takes place during the **Get Connected!** Community Connect & Safety Fair, a free family-friendly event targeting the residents of the Southeast cities who do not have a broadband connection in their homes. **Featuring educational exhibits, entertainment and opportunities to learn about the instant access to communication, information and services that broadband can offer**, the fair will include booths from the US Census Bureau, Youth Policy Institute, Centro Latino for Literacy and AT&T.

A brand new laptop computer will be given away every hour during the four-hour event.

Date: Saturday, January 30, 2010

Time: 10 a.m. – press conference/presentation of Mobile Technology Center
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – **Get Connected!** Community Connect & Safety Fair

Location: Corner of Florence Avenue and Salt Lake Avenue
Salt Lake Park
Huntington Park, CA
MEDIA PARKING: On Salt Lake Avenue at the corner of Florence Avenue

Participants: Approximately 1,000 residents and community leaders from the Southeast Cities

Presentation Ceremony:
Vernon Mayor Hilario “Larry” Gonzales
Southeast Development Corporation Board Chair Ronald Garcia
Huntington Park Mayor Mario Gomez

Community Fair:
Fifteen booths including the US Census Bureau, Youth Policy Institute, Centro Latino for Literacy and AT&T.

Get Connected! workshops in the Mobile Tech Center

** Media will tour the Mobile Center and watch mini-classes that area residents will take during the event.