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City of Erie Lead Hazard Control Program Opportunities Available

ERIE, PA - March 5, 2009 – Mr. Leon Jackson owner of Leon Jackson Contracting, has successfully completed the City of Erie's Lead Control and Rehabilitation Program and will soon begin working with the City of Erie to remove hazardous lead from area homes. As part of the Lead Hazard Control Program, contractors are trained to work in safe and clean environments. It is imperative that the contractors leave the home free of dangerous lead dust after completion of lead related renovations.

In support of the City's efforts to reduce lead poisoning in our area, the Erie County Department of Health has donated three High-Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) vacuum cleaners to the City of Erie Lead Program. The HEPA vacuum cleaners will be given to 3 contractors, including Jackson, who complete the training and will work with the City of Erie on the lead abatement program. As such, the City of Erie continues to encourage contractors to obtain the necessary training to work on the Housing Rehabilitation Program.

When lead paint is disturbed by opening and closing a window, or by sanding or scraping, the paint deteriorates by turning into minute particles of dust. Lead dust particles are too small to be seen by the human eye, and too small to be captured by a regular vacuum. However, HEPA filters trap lead dust. A HEPA vacuum cleaner is capable of removing particles of 0.3 microns or larger from air at 99.97 percent or better efficiency very fine particles (lead and other allergens).

Contractors interested in completing the program should contact Jorge Alvear at 814-870-1262.

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