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### **City of Erie Partnering with Sherwin Williams “HOME WORK” Program**

ERIE, PA (January 26, 2012 ) - The Sherwin Williams Company is again partnering with the City of Erie Office of Economic and Community Development to provide “Home Work” painting classes to City of Erie residents. Sherwin Williams and the City provided similar “Home Work” classes to the community in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011. The City targets inner-city, unemployed or underemployed residents and prioritizes housing authority applicants.

The Home Work Program provides in-the-classroom training, a one day lead training class with certification, on-the-job painting experience along with resume and career building services. Students who complete the course receive a starter paint kit from Sherwin Williams including items such as paint brushes, rollers, masks, putty knife, protective glasses, gloves, screwdriver, contractor bag and other small painting items.

The program extends over five days with daily hours from 8:00 to 4:30 with lunch provided by Sherwin Williams. Students who complete the five day course receive the **Sherwin Williams Home Work Paint Class Certification**. Additionally, the training includes a free one-day Renovate, Repair and Paint (RR&P) training as part of the five day curriculum. (This is a minimum of a \$250 value.) Individuals completing this training will receive the RR&P Certification required by EPA for all renovators working on pre-1978 housing.

The requirements of the Home Work Program are as follows:

- 1.) Applicants must reside within the City of Erie.
- 2.) Applicants must be 18 years of age or older.
- 3.) Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED (unless special permission has been granted by the City of Erie and Sherwin Williams)
- 4.) Applicants must include a \$10 check to reserve their spot in the class. Checks will be returned if students complete the class or if they cancel at least three days prior to the class start date.

There are no other requirements for enrollment in this program. Priority will be given to housing authority residents. All other applicants will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis.

Applications are available on the City of Erie website [www.erie.pa.us](http://www.erie.pa.us). Applicants must submit a completed application along with a \$10 check to reserve their spot in the class. Checks will be returned to students who complete the five day class or cancel at least three days before the class begins. (No cash deposits.) Submit applications and checks to Cyndie Zahner, City of Erie, 626 State Street Room 404, Erie, PA 16501.

Classroom training on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup> will take place at Central High School, 3525 Cherry Street. Please enter through the front door on Cherry Street. You will be greeted and escorted to the library. The class runs from 8:00 AM (SHARP!) until 4:30 PM. PLEASE arrive by 7:55 AM.

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