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City of Erie/Sherwin Williams “Home Work” Training Program
Week of September 28- October 2

Do you live in the City of Erie and have an interest in a painting career???
FREE Training is now available!

You could receive 5 days of painting training and receive a certification from the Sherwin Williams Home Work Paint Class. You could also receive your Renovate, Repair and Paint (RR&P) certification, which is required by the EPA for all renovators working on pre-1978 housing.

ERIE, PA (September 9, 2015) – **The Sherwin Williams Company** is partnering with the **City of Erie** Office of Economic and Community Development to provide “Home Work” paint training classes to City of Erie residents! Sherwin Williams and the City provided similar “Home Work” classes to the community in 2008 through 2014. The City targeted inner-city, unemployed or underemployed residents and prioritized housing authority applicants.

The Home Work Program provides in-the-classroom training, a one day Renovate, Repair and Paint (RR&P) certification training class, on-the-job painting experience, and resume and career building services. Students who complete the course receive a starter paint kit of tools from Sherwin Williams.

The program extends over five days with daily hours from 8:30 to 4:30. Lunch is provided by Sherwin Williams. Students who complete the 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 value of \$250.) 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 City of Erie 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
- 4.) Applicants must include a \$10 check (cash is not accepted) 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 City of Erie housing authority residents. All other applicants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

For further information, please contact Melanie Johnson, Assistant Director of Economic and Community Development for the City of Erie, at 870-1277 or mjohnson@erie.pa.us .

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