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The City of Pueblo Announces Start of 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan Process

Pueblo, Colorado (September 9, 2009), The City of Pueblo's Department of Housing and Citizen Services, today announced the start of the City of Pueblo's and the Pueblo Consortium's 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan strategic planning process. The City must submit to HUD by January 2010, the City's five-year Consolidated Plan, covering federal fiscal years 2010-2014.

The Consolidated Plan is a federally-mandated document that examines the City's housing and non-housing community development needs, and outlines the City's five-year objectives and strategies in addressing the identified needs. The Plan sets forth long-term goals to maintain viable communities through the development of decent housing, suitable living environments and expanded economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

The Consolidated Plan covers two federal programs: 1) the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and 2) the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. HUD must approve this Plan in order for the City and organizations within the City to receive funding under most HUD housing and community development programs. Applicants for funding from federal housing programs must obtain certification that their proposed use of HUD assistance will be consistent with the applicable Plan for the area.

The Plan will be developed by Staff from the City's Department of Housing and Citizen Services, and Economic & Planning Systems, Inc., (EPS). The Consolidated Plan is prepared as a result of an extensive citizen participation process that includes local consultation meetings, public hearings and public comment periods.

The City's 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan will include the City's one-year Action Plan for Program Year 2010, which outlines how much the City anticipates receiving in federal funds under the covered programs and how the City proposes to use those funds to address its stated objectives. For Program Year 2010, the City of Pueblo estimates it will receive approximately \$1.6 million for CDBG, \$900,000 for HOME.

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