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Minneapolis Public Schools seek proposals for redevelopment of 2225 East Lake St.

August 6, 2010 (MINNEAPOLIS) The Minneapolis Public School District (MPS) has contracted with the City of Minneapolis Department of Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) to seek development proposals for a 6.48-acre site located at 2225 East Lake Street in south Minneapolis. The location currently houses Minneapolis Adult Basic Education (ABE), English Language Learning (ELL), General Educational Development (GED) testing and administrative offices for Minneapolis Community Education, including Minneapolis Kids, Community Education after school and adult programming and Volunteer Services. Success Academy, an alternative school, and Family Learning Childcare Center, which serves ABE learners, are also located at 2225 E. Lake St.

A request for proposals (RFP) will be issued on August 7. Proposals will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on November 1, 2010.

MPS and CPED are collaborating with the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization to select a developer and redevelopment plan that meets the needs of the community and the Minneapolis Board of Education while fulfilling the policies of the Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth (2009) and the Corcoran Midtown Revival Plan (2001).

2225 E. Lake Street is a substantial opportunity for high-quality transit-oriented development taking advantage of its prominent location adjacent to the Lake Street LRT station on the Hiawatha Line. Development objectives outlined in the RFP include high density residential development as the most predominant land use, including affordable/market rate rental and ownership housing; retail and service business space on ground level adjacent to Lake Street geared to pedestrians and innovative project elements that enhance the long-term environmental sustainability of the development.

The RFP also seeks to create a permanent home for the Minneapolis Public Schools Southside Welcome Center and Adult Basic Education Program as a long-term tenant or condo owner of approximately 35,000 to 40,000 square feet on the site. Respondents to the RFP are strongly encouraged to include a high-quality public space usable for community events that serves as a permanent location for a farmers market; currently, the Midtown Farmers Market operates on the property through a no-cost lease with MPS.

The RFP can be accessed on the CPED website:

http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/2225_East_Lake_Street_RFP.asp

