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Project JumpStart, Inc. and Housing Authority of Baltimore City Partnership Builds Construction Career Pathways for Baltimore Residents

BALTIMORE – A newly formed partnership between Project JumpStart, Inc. (PJSI) and the Housing Authority of Baltimore City is providing Baltimore residents with skilled training to create lasting careers in the construction industry.

The partnership provides HABC residents with access to Project JumpStart’s comprehensive pre-apprenticeship training, case management, and job placement support. Graduates will be connected to local contractors and construction firms offering real employment opportunities that help residents earn a living wage while contributing to Baltimore’s growth.

“HABC is committed to creating pathways to self-sufficiency for our residents. Partnering with Project JumpStart helps connect our residents to meaningful work that builds not just careers but communities,” said **Janet Abrahams, President and CEO of HABC**.

The collaboration unites HABC’s mission of economic empowerment with Project JumpStart’s proven record of connecting Baltimoreans to high-demand jobs in the skilled trades. Together, they’re creating a direct link between residents ready to work and contractors eager to hire motivated, trained talent from the communities where they live and build.

“This partnership is an exciting step forward in our shared mission to empower Baltimore residents with the tools to build stable, rewarding careers,” said **Jimmy Stewart, Executive Director of Project JumpStart, Inc.** “By working together with HABC, we’re strengthening the pipeline between community-based talent and the region’s growing construction industry.”

Residents interested in construction careers are encouraged to reach out now to learn how to enroll in upcoming training programs. Local contractors and vendors are also invited to identify job opportunities for qualified HABC residents, helping strengthen the workforce and the neighborhoods they serve.

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The first participants under this partnership are already seeing positive results earning certifications, securing apprenticeships, and starting construction careers that promise long-term stability and growth.

This initiative also complements HABC's Getting Ready for Opportunities to Work (GROW) program, which provides residents with workplace readiness, skills training, and support to achieve self-sufficiency. Residents can participate in GROW while engaging with Project JumpStart's training, further expanding pathways to employment and economic mobility.

"We're proud to be part of getting Baltimore back to work and building the neighborhoods where we all live," said Abrahams.

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About Project JumpStart, Inc.

Project JumpStart is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit workforce development organization preparing Baltimore residents for successful careers in construction and related industries. Since 2006, PJSI has helped hundreds of graduates gain skills, credentials, and employment with local contractors and construction partners.

About the Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC)

The Housing Authority of Baltimore City provides quality affordable housing and supportive services to more than 20,000 families across Baltimore. Through initiatives that promote education, employment, and economic empowerment, HABC is building stronger, self-sufficient communities and creating opportunities for residents to thrive.