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## **PROJECT'S GOAL TO DEVELOP MINORITY LEADERS**

Two leading organizations, the African American Coalition (AAC) and the Kansas Hispanic Education & Development Foundation (KHEDF) are joining together to provide a free leadership development program funded by the Kansas Health Foundation. The program is the first of its kind in Kansas. Organizers are looking for grass root leaders to participate in this unique and rigorous training opportunity.

"It is the hope that the outcome of this unique collaboration will produce action oriented leaders," said Rep. Melody Mc-Cray Miller, Chair of the African American Coalition.

The Community Leadership Development Project will select twenty (20) participants who will become knowledgeable, organized, and trained to better lead community organizations in the area of health, education and economic development—thus, creating neighborhood revitalization that will assist with building a healthy, vibrant African American and Hispanic/Latino communities. This free program is made possible by a grant from the Kansas Health Foundation.

"With funding challenges, this joint venture presented an opportunity for the African American and Hispanic community to work together on a leadership project," stated Yolanda Camarena, Vice President/Secretary of the Kansas Hispanic Education & Development Foundation.

Wakeelah Martinez has been named project coordinator. She is a 30-year academician and leadership developer. Martinez is a veteran in creating human development curriculum and organizational coaching.

"The idea behind this collaborative was to bring two vital communities with an urgency to develop substantial community projects," says Martinez.

The Community Leadership Development Project is scheduled to begin in February 2011 and complete in December 2011.

The project will be hosted on the campus of Wichita State University.

All interested parties are invited to submit an application. The deadline for receipt of applications is Friday, January 28, 2011. Applications received after that date will be considered according to space availability.

For more information/applications, and submissions please contact:

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