



Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission

# Media Advisory

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## **EOC's Local Conservation Corps Celebrates the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of its Neighborhood Youth Center in West Fresno**

*- New facility boosts underserved area; provides employment, training & education services to young adults -*

**(Fresno, CA)** After eight years of planning, Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission's (EOC) Local Conservation Corps' (LCC) Neighborhood Youth Center is opening its doors at its new west Fresno location at 1805 E. California Avenue. Members of the media are invited to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Neighborhood Youth Center Wednesday, July 14, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. The event will include a special naming dedication, presentations from local dignitaries, and tours of the new facility.

The 56,380 square-foot campus houses LCC's vocational training and education programs – including Recycling, YouthBuild Fresno and YouthBuild Charter School of California, AmeriCorps, and California Gang Reduction and Intervention Program – and its administrative offices. It boasts a computer lab, a Fresno City College satellite classroom where corpsmembers can take approved college courses, and a new Recycling Sorting & Education Facility that will be used to sort recyclables for the Corps' Recycling Program.

"For 17 years, our Local Conservation Corps has given at-risk young adults a chance to succeed in life," says Shawn Riggins, LCC Director. "While many have given up on the population we work with, we, at the Corps, have taken them in and provided them the tools and resources they need to become contributing members and leaders of our community."

LCC helps young adults, ages 18- 24 years, work toward their high school diploma or earn college credits while learning job readiness and vocation skills in construction, recycling, and landscape maintenance as well as developing life and leadership skills.

### **About Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC)**

For over 44 years, Fresno County EOC – a private, nonprofit agency – has helped low-income Fresno County residents become self-sufficient. EOC offers over 30 comprehensive community-based programs that develop an individual's capabilities and places them on the path toward financial independence.

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