



**Media Alert:**

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**Center of Excellence to Open at Aiken Housing Authority  
Open Doors on Opportunity, Thursday, June 9**

**The public and the media are invited to witness as The Housing Authority of the City of Aiken opens its doors on a new level of opportunity for its customers from 10:45 a.m., to 1 p.m., Thursday, June 9. Part of the presentation will be a demonstration of the Authority's new Center of Excellence housed at its headquarters at 100 Rogers Terrace, NW, just off Laurens Street north.**

**The Housing Authority's Chief Executive Officer, Ivory N. Mathews, is taking steps to improve the community through strategic partnerships with leading agencies in the area, providing new opportunities, mentoring connections and practical life skills training for the authority's customers.**

**"The ability to communicate effectively is already essential in our lives today and it will become only more so," said Mathews. "Especially in the current economy, a lot of people are upgrading their skills and we have developed the training, the equipment and the expertise to make that possible."**

**Many business, industry, agency and political leaders in Aiken and Aiken County will be on hand for the open house.**

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