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APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR THE NEW DOWNTOWN URBAN RENEWAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Applications are being accepted for 11 vacancies on the city's Downtown Urban Renewal Plan Advisory Committee. The deadline to apply is **5 p.m. Friday, January 11, 2008**. These vacancies are for a new advisory committee formed to provide advice to the Board of the Springfield Economic Development Agency which will operate the Downtown Urban Renewal Plan over the next 19 years.

The positions are specific to the Downtown area residents, businesses and property owners for the following positions:

Position #1: Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce Representative

Position #2: Springfield Historic Commission Representative

Position #3: Community Development Advisory Committee Representative

Position #4: Springfield School Board/District Representative

Position #5: Willamalane Parks and Recreation District Representative

Position #6: Business Owner or Renter in the Downtown Renewal Plan Area

Position #7: Homeowner or Renter in the Downtown Renewal Plan Area

Position #8: Industrial Business Owner or Renter in the Downtown Renewal Plan Area

Position #9: Homeowner or Renter in the Springfield Washburne District

Position #10: Representative of the General Public in the Springfield Area

Position #11: Representative of the General Public in the Springfield Area

The new terms for Positions 1 - 11 will begin upon appointment by the Springfield Economic Development Agency (SEDA) Board. Applications are encouraged from lower-

income earners, residents of lower-income neighborhoods, racial and ethnic minorities, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and female heads of households.

What: Downtown Urban Renewal Plan Advisory Committee Applications

When: The deadline to apply is **5 p.m. Friday, January 11, 2008.**

Where: Application forms for all positions are available in the Springfield City Manager's Office at City Hall, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield, OR.

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