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## **Gamaliel of Metro Chicago Pushes to Secure Jobs for Minority Groups, in High Speed Rail Project, Red Line Expansion and Abraham Lincoln National Airport Projects**

CHICAGO, IL - June 30, 2011 - Gamaliel of Metro Chicago (GMC) today – June 30, 2011, will hold the *Regional Transportation and Economic Development Summit* at Chicago State University in efforts to push for the creation of jobs and economic development from new construction and railroad projects in metro Chicago, and other parts of Illinois.

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 30th from 6:00pm-9:00pm

**WHERE:** Chicago State University - 9501 S. King Drive, Chicago, IL 60628 (Student Union Building)

**WHO:** Over 100 people will attend. Senator Martin Sandoval (D-12), Rep. Marlo Coleman and Esther Golar (D-6), were invited to participate in this public conversation.

“Our goal is to direct public attention in the importance of supporting minority communities to participate in the High Speed Rail Project, the Abraham Lincoln National Airport in Peotone, and the expansion of the red line in Chicago and South Suburban Area, says Rev. David Bigsby, Co-Convenor of GMC. “We want to educate the public about economic proposals that will contribute to employment, construction and economic growth for Illinois”

### **WHO WE ARE:**

**Gamaliel of Metro Chicago (GMC)** is organized by leaders from two of the strongest grassroots organizations in Chicago *Pilsen Neighbors Community Council*, and the *South Suburban Action Conference*. GMC organizes principally in black and Latino communities that provides training and strategic advice to help empower local leaders. GMC works with religious congregations, community organizations and agencies in metropolitan Chicago to address the ongoing crisis of youth, immigration reform, healthcare, access to transportation, workforce development, and education.

**The Gamaliel Foundation and Gamaliel of Illinois**, assists local community leaders in creating, maintaining and expanding independent, grassroots and powerful faith-based organizations, so that ordinary people can impact the political, social, economic, and environmental decisions that affect their lives. As an affiliate, GMC and other regional affiliates, including; **Faith Coalition for the Common Good (FCCG), in Springfield IL, United Congregations of Metro East (UCM) in Madison, IL, and Quad Cities Interfaith (QCI) in Davenport, Iowa** are partners in our efforts to focus attention on the transportation issues that impact our communities at this event.

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