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**Homebuyer Opportunity Presented by Western Illinois Regional Council on April 29**

**Macomb, Illinois, April 19, 2010** – The Western Illinois Regional Council (WIRC) will hold a public meeting to present its three county Homebuyer Program on Thursday, April 29 at 6:00 pm at Monmouth City Hall Council Chambers, 100 E. Broadway, Monmouth, Illinois.

The Homebuyer Program is for all interested families and individuals in Hancock, McDonough, and Warren counties. The WIRC was recently awarded a grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) to administer the program. “The lack of affordable housing for the prospective low-income homebuyer has increasingly become a concern, said Program Coordinator Jeff Cozadd, “Home ownership has been a challenge for many low-income families and individuals. This is especially true in today’s economic environment. The IHDA Homebuyer Program offers income eligible participants the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of homeownership at an affordable price.”

The public meeting will provide information regarding eligibility and participation in the program.

Representatives from the WIRC will be at the meeting to discuss the program and answer questions. If you have questions concerning the meeting, call the WIRC at (309) 837-2997. If you cannot attend the meeting, you may schedule an appointment to complete an application after April 29.

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