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**COMMUNITY-BASED DEVELOPERS NEEDED FOR RESIDENTIAL REHAB PROJECTS IN COOK COUNTY**

*Cook County Land Bank Authority (CCLBA) to Host Free Workshops to Boost Partnerships with Community Developers and Showcase Neighborhood Residential Properties Ready for Rehab*

The Cook County Land Bank Authority (CCLBA) is seeking qualified community developers with demonstrated experience in rehabbing distressed residential homes to participate in free workshops scheduled for this Saturday, October 1 and Saturday, October 15. These workshops are designed to help expand the authority's community developer partnerships and assist its efforts to rehab its existing stock of vacant residential properties, put them into the hands of new homeowners and place them back onto the tax rolls.

"These workshops are great opportunities for local community developers to make a difference in their own backyard, while expanding their expertise and growing their business," said Robert Rose, CCLBA Executive Director. "It's also a great opportunity to help transform communities by rehabbing hundreds of dormant residential properties and filling them with new families. We now need more qualified community developer partners to help us get there."

The first workshop will be hosted this Saturday, October 1:

10AM to 12PM

Columbus Park Refectory

5701 W. Jackson Blvd.

Chicago, IL

Those interested in participating in this workshop can sign up by registering [here](#).

The Second workshop will be hosted Saturday, October 15:

10AM to 12PM

Captain's Hard Time Dining

436 East 79th Street

Chicago, IL

Those interested in participating in this workshop can sign up by registering [here](#).

*CCLBA was formed by ordinance of Cook County in 2013 to address the large inventory of vacant residential, industrial and commercial property in Cook County. The ordinance was created after two extensive reports conducted by Cook County and Urban Land Institute. CCLBA is a unit of Cook County government, funded primarily with grants, contributions and revenues from transactions. CCLBA is the largest land bank by geography in the country and is governed by a Board of Directors appointed by Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle, chaired by Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer and ran by Executive Director Robert (Rob) Rose. For more information on the CCLBA, browse its website at [cookcountylandbank.org](http://cookcountylandbank.org).*

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