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FOOD SERVICE SANITATION PROGRAM PARTNERS
WITH THE GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS The Food Service Sanitation (FSS) Unit of Public Agency and Special Programs of Harold Washington College is honored to partner with the Greater Chicago Food Depository which feeds the hungry at over 600 Food Pantries throughout the greater Chicago area. In this 18-month pilot program (June 2003 to December 2004), with "Pantry University" the college will provide Food Service Sanitation Certification classes to agency-sponsored volunteers at 70% of the prevailing tuition rate for the course in consideration for use of space in their facility for classes. Additionally, the FSS Unit of Public Agency and Special Program will custom design training for pantry volunteers in food storage and handling:

And classes at the Greater Chicago Food Depository space will be open to the public, and Greater Chicago Food Depository sponsored volunteers will be able to take the FSS class at any locations HWC offers the FSS Certification course.

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The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) has successfully partnered with the Food Service Sanitation Unit of Public Agency and Special Programs at Harold Washington College since the mid 1980's. Among the accomplishments of that relationship are: the education and training of personnel for the food service industry in Chicagoland; the issuance of Food Service Manager Certificates including the development of a new fraud proof document; and the maintenance of records of who holds valid FSS certification in the Chicago metro area.

The CDPH endorses and enthusiastically supports the new partnership the Food Service Sanitation Unit of HWC is undertaking with the Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD). The citizens of Chicago will benefit from the training this partnership will provide for supervisors and staff at the 600 food pantries served by the GCFD. The City Colleges of Chicago will benefit as HWC will reach out to the community by offering FSS training at the organization's "Pantry University" at a discounted rate in exchange for use of the site for the training. Additionally, "Pantry University" is requesting HWC develop and deliver two modules of food handling and preparation training for the volunteers who serve in the food pantries of the city. This affords the City Colleges and the CDPH an even greater opportunity to ensure public health and safety.

The CDPH encourages your approval of this new partnership for Harold Washington College and the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

Sincerely,

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