

A Special Announcement



Adolfo Carrión, Regional Administrator Region II: New York and New Jersey U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development



In his position as Regional Administrator for Region II, Mr. Carrión serves as HUD's liaison to mayors, city managers, state and local officials, congress, stakeholders and customers, and is responsible for overseeing and evaluating the delivery of HUD programs and services to communities. He also serves as an advisor on intergovernmental relations to HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan, bringing lessons learned and new approaches from his time at the White House, where he served as Director of the Office of Urban Affairs.

The New York Regional Office is one of the largest in the country in terms of population-served, size of programs, and portfolio. Region II encompasses the states of New York and New Jersey, and has program and service investments of approximately \$7 billion a year.

As Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the White House Office of Urban Affairs, Mr. Carrión worked to advance President Obama's agenda for urban America to make our cities and metropolitan areas more economically competitive, environmentally sustainable, and socially inclusive.

Mr. Carrión's career began as a school teacher in the Bronx. He earned a Masters in Urban Planning from Hunter College in New York, then worked for three years in the New York City Department of City Planning. He was elected to the City Council in 1997, and then elected Bronx Borough President from 2002 to 2009. He also served as President of the National Association of Latino Elected/Appointed Officials prior to joining the White House.

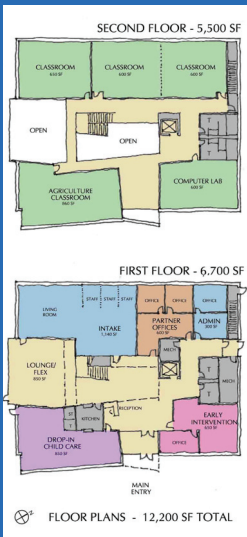
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Announcement!*



Albany Capital South Campus Center



Tremendous news for the City of Albany's South End neighborhood is announced today as U.S. Dept. of HUD Regional Administrator, Adolfo Carrión, presents a check for \$4.98 million to the Albany Housing Authority for construction of Phase 1 of a new neighborhood college. The Capital South Campus Center is a collaborative effort among over a dozen government, higher education, non-profit and private business interests that promises to begin transforming an aging public housing development into an on ramp to the 'technology super highway'. The vision for an educational and training campus that serves residents of downtown Albany and beyond stems from the City's 2007 Capital South Plan: *SEGway to the Future*, a comprehensive revitalization plan created by a broad cross section of community stakeholders.



The Campus Center will be a hub of activity, hosting training, education and community functions, while incorporating child care and youth programming for the purpose of stabilizing disadvantaged families today and positioning them for the employment opportunities of tomorrow. The 12,200 square foot facility will contain classrooms, including one specializing in urban agriculture; offices for intake, assessment and early intervention counseling; a computer lab; drop-in daycare and a student café and lounge, all surrounding a large atrium.

Funding for this initiative comes from the Capital Fund Education and Training Community Facilities Program and is part of nearly \$34 million awarded to only 10 recipients nationwide. "As President Obama has said, if America is to win the future, we need to out-educate the rest of the world," said Regional Administrator Adolfo Carrión. "This funding helps public housing agencies that want to provide these services but lacked the resources. This is an investment to make certain we connect affordable housing with quality education and training resources."

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