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NEW LIBRARY BRANCH FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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(September 21, 2010)--- Education and job creation are two top priorities of the Segarra Administration and today's groundbreaking of the Upper Albany Branch of the Hartford Public Library demonstrates a commitment to both, especially in one of the poorest areas of the Capital City.

"Albany Avenue has been an area of growth and development for several years and today is no different," said Mayor Pedro E. Segarra. "This groundbreaking symbolizes moving forward with our progress and what better way to do that than with providing an extraordinary learning facility and creating jobs in order for it to be built."

The project is a \$5.8 million investment that "connects the dots of progress" from the University of Hartford and the Artists Collective all the way to the new Public Safety Complex and Capital Preparatory Magnet School. This latest connection is an 8,000 square foot brick veneer one story building with glass and metal panels will be built at 1250 Albany Avenue.

"The real beauty, however, is the badly need jobs it will create and the continued and improved learning it will facilitate for our youngsters," continued Mayor Segarra.

Sevigny Architects and the Hartford based contractor Capital Restoration will take this economic development effort from design to reality. 15% of the contractor's work will be subcontracted to Hartford certified Minority and Women Business Enterprise Firms (MWBE). The contractor has committed to performing the labor with a minimum of 30% Hartford residents.

Community input and involvement from the Hartford Public Library help complete this equation of education + employment = opportunity + growth.

The new library branch is expected to be complete in the summer of 2011. The old library will be demolished once the new one is occupied.