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**APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN FOR LOW INCOME HOME
ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

CHICAGO, IL – CEDA President and CEO, Robert Wharton announced today a sharp increase in energy assistance applications for the 2005-2006 program year. “These are very challenging times for low-income and fixed-income families. This month we have already processed over 50,000 applications within Cook County from seniors, the disabled, households currently disconnected from an energy source, and those with special medical needs.”

CEDA LIHEAP has trained intake workers at 150 community centers, faith-based organizations, learning centers and at the CEDA central office at 208 S. LaSalle.

Cook County residents may be eligible to receive assistance under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program if your household’s combined income is at or below the qualifying levels. For instance, a family of four would qualify if it makes less than \$29,000 a year.

The first step in the application process is to call 312/456-4100 and ask for the program requirements, types of assistance available, what documents are necessary and the closest intake center location.

Interested individuals and families should apply as early as possible.

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