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Serving Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Greene, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe & Walton Counties

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TO: Nonprofit Organizations in Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Greene, and Jackson Counties

FROM: ACTION, Inc., Community Connection of Northeast Georgia, and The Institute for Nonprofit Organizations in the School of Social Work at UGA

RE: **Building Community Services that Grow Local Economies Capacity Building Assistance, Cycle Two**

ACTION, Inc., Community Connection of Northeast Georgia, Inc., and The Institute for Nonprofit Organizations in the School of Social Work at UGA are pleased to release the Cycle Two Application for Capacity Building Assistance for the “**Building Community Services that Grow Local Economies**” (BCS) Project. Applications are now being accepting from qualified community and faith-based nonprofit organizations located in and serving Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Greene, and Jackson Counties to receive free one-on-one technical assistance and training to strengthen and improve economic recovery programs and services. At least half of selected nonprofits will also receive financial assistance.

Please refer to the following two BCS documents for all eligibility requirements: **BCS Capacity Assistance Policies & Procedures, CYCLE TWO** and **BCS Application for Capacity Building Assistance, CYCLE TWO**. This is the second of two Cycles for assistance. During the first cycle of assistance (which is currently being provided) 31 organizations were awarded, 29 chose to participate, of those 18 are receiving financial assistance. **Applications for the second Cycle are due September 10, 2010**. Current Awardees not receiving funding are eligible to apply for funding during Cycle Two.

To assist applicants with the process, four **Applicant Workshops** will be held the last week of July to review the Policies & Procedures, the Application, and to answer general questions. Workshops will be held in Clarke, Jackson, Elbert and Greene Counties. Attendance at a Workshop is NOT a requirement of applying, but we encourage everyone to attend to ensure their applications are in-line with all guidelines.

Please register for the Applicant Workshops by July 22, 2010 using the Registration Form included in the Capacity Building Assistance Application, Cycle Two. If you are unable to register by the deadline, please contact us at bcsapplcaworkshop@gmail.com. Late registrants will be allowed to attend.

We encourage you to contact the Project Director, Jennifer Cantwell, with any questions after fully reviewing the Policies & Procedures and Application documents and anytime during the application process.

All materials referenced are also available at the project website: www.bcsgrantproject.weebly.com