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Leaders to promote EITC and new NC tax credit for working people on January 30

What: EITC Awareness Day

- A news conference timed to the issuance of workers' W2 tax forms and the beginning of tax season to inform the public about the new N.C. Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), as well as the federal EITC, the nation's largest anti-poverty program.
- North Carolina workers fail to claim an estimated \$135 million or more in direct payments through the EITC each year, money that represents at least \$200 million in lost economic stimulus.
- In this difficult economic time, a major statewide outreach effort is under way to ensure that families get the money they've earned.

When: Friday, January 30, 2009, 11 a.m.-noon.

Where: Durham Public Schools System Staff Development Center, 2107 Hillandale Road, Durham, N.C.

Speakers: U.S. Rep. David Price, N.C. Treasurer Janet Cowell, State Representatives Paul Luebke and Jennifer Weiss, Durham Mayor Bill Bell, Durham County Commissioner Ellen Reckow, Durham Public Schools Superintendent Carl Harris.

Visuals: Citizens getting their taxes prepared free, volunteer tax preparers, dignitaries.

Sponsors: NC EITC Outreach Working Group, Durham EITC Coalition, Wake County EITC Coalition, EITC Carolinas Initiative of MDC, Inc., Durham Public Schools

The federal EITC is the nation's most effective anti-poverty measure aimed at low- and moderate-income working families. In tax year 2005, more than 20 percent of North Carolina taxpayers and their families benefited from the federal EITC, receiving a total of \$1.5 billion. Last year, the North Carolina General Assembly approved a refundable version of the federal EITC worth 3.5 percent of the federal credit.

While roughly 80 percent of eligible North Carolinians receive the EITC, conservative estimates are that Tar Heel workers leave at least \$135 million unclaimed. That translates into another \$200 million in economic stimulus lost when that money is not spent. In 2009, depending on their filing status, families can receive:

Filing Status	Income Limit: Earn Less Than	Number of Qualifying Children	Maximum EITC Credit
Single or Head of Household	\$38,646	More than 1	\$4,824
Married Filing Jointly	\$41,646	More than 1	\$4,824
Single or Head of Household	\$33,995	1	\$2,917
Married Filing Jointly	\$36,995	1	\$2,917
Single or Head of Household	\$12,880	None	\$438
Married Filing Jointly	\$15,880	None	\$438

For more information about the federal or N.C. EITC, EITC Carolinas or the EITC Outreach Working Group, visit www.eitc-carolinas.org, or contact:

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