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**MAYOR EMANUEL ANNOUNCES CITY OF CHICAGO TO HIRE 75 GENERAL LABORERS**

*Agreement with Laborers Local 1001 Fosters Job Creation, a Flexible Workforce and Millions in Savings*

Today, Mayor Emanuel announced the City of Chicago and the Department of Streets and Sanitation (DSS) announced will hire 75 general laborers under the recent Laborers Local 1001 agreement that supports a flexible workforce and is projected to save approximately \$30 million in taxpayer resources over six years.

"The agreement we reached with Laborers Local 1001 earlier this year has allowed us to create jobs, maximize resources, and expand services to residents," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "By having the ability to cross-train employees in a variety of skill sets, we are creating a more flexible workforce to respond quickly and efficiently to the evolving needs of residents. We are hiring general laborers right now to join our workforce."

The general laborers will be hired to support the City's efforts to roll out residential recycling citywide in the coming year and expand forestry services, as outlined in Mayor Emanuel's 2013 budget.

The new general laborer position, made possible by a work rule change, will be a hybrid position that provides intensive job and classroom training for a variety of duties within the DSS, including tree trimming, graffiti removal, sanitation removal, and hand labor work. DSS will be able to move employees freely through the work types, based on workload.

In addition, the City will ensure that a minimum of 25 percent of candidates referred to DSS for hiring consideration are veterans and for the first time ever, that 25 percent are Chicago Public Schools (CPS) high school graduates. The CPS hiring preference was announced earlier this year in an effort to incentivize students to stay in school and graduate.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old and apply online by December 12 at the Department of Human Resources CAREERS site: <http://www.cityofchicago.org/CAREERS>.

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