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News Release

AACOG ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FREE WEATHERIZATION SERVICES

May 6, 2008 -- The Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) is accepting applications from residents of Kendall and Wilson Counties who are interested in having their homes weatherized for the summer and winter months. The free weatherization services are part of a federally funded program called the AACOG Weatherization Assistance Program (AWAP). Applications are available by calling AACOG toll free at 1-800-749-2010 ext. 282 (ask for Tina Guerra).

Applicants must be income eligible. Residents whose annual income falls at or below the federally established income guideline may qualify to receive free weatherization services. Preference is given to the elderly (60 years and older) and the disabled. If you receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), you are also eligible for the program.

The AWAP is designed to assist low-income people, particularly the elderly and people with disabilities, overcome the high cost of energy through certain energy conservation measures. These energy conservation measures help reduce people's utility bills. Energy conservation measures provided free of charge through the AWAP include attic insulation, replacement or repair of windows and exterior doors, gas stoves, space heaters, water heaters, Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning (HVAC) or air conditioning window units, weather-stripping, caulking and sealing of cracks and holes in the house's structure, and other incidental repairs to preserve and protect the weatherization materials installed.

The AWAP is funded by the U.S. Department of Energy. More than 5 million homes have been weatherized throughout the country since the inception of the program. The savings in utility bills for those households weatherized has totaled approximately \$1 billion in the United States.

For an application or more information, please call toll free at 1-800-749-2010 ext. 282 (ask for Tina Guerra) or visit www.aacog.com/housing.

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