Please join the Government Assistance Program for a “Best Practices” Workshop in preparation for the 2nd Annual Presentation of the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Public Innovator Award

Tuesday, June 15, 2004
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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Please RSVP to the Government Assistance Program (GAP) at (312) 362-6670 or krobert1@depaul.edu, by Tuesday, June 8.

Please join the 2003 Driehaus Foundation Public Innovator Award winners – the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago Department of Environment and Chicago Transit Authority – the Panel of Judges, GAP staff and other future applicants for a workshop to highlight and share best practices in innovation in government. There will be open discussions with the judges and 2003 recipients, plus a sneak peek at the 2004 award process. This is a perfect opportunity to learn more about the Driehaus Public Innovator Award before preparing your 2004 application.

(See the back side for more information about the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Public Innovator Award.)
What is the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Public Innovator Award?

The Driehaus Foundation Public Innovator Award honors agencies that complete innovative projects in one of the three following categories: e-governance, design of physical space and capacity building. Winners of the award must be members of a cross-departmental or inter-agency team, their project must be based in Illinois, and prove tangible results, such as cost savings or increased efficiency. Projects also must include a community and/or stakeholder input component.

Each of the three winners receives a $5,000 award, which must be applied toward public awareness or education, funding a new staff member or consultant for a project, or to purchase equipment and materials associated with a project.

2003 Public Innovator Awardees

E-Governance: Chicago Transit Authority, “Implementation of ProjectNet”
Physical Design: Chicago Department of Environment, “Green Initiatives”
Capacity Building: Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, “Cook County Integrated Criminal Justice Information Systems Strategic Plan”