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**WORLD PREMIERE OF *LESSONS FROM THE WATERFRONT:
THE ANACOSTIA* (A YOUTH-PRODUCED DOCUMENTARY)**

The world premiere of, *Lessons from the Waterfront: The Anacostia*, a documentary written, produced and directed by the youth of Multi-Media Training Institute (MMTI) is scheduled for Monday, April 23, 2007 on The Odyssey Boat, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm (The boat leaves the dock at 7:00 pm from 600 Water Street, NW, Washington, DC). This unique fundraising event is an opportunity to introduce these young people to their audience and supporters simultaneously. While cruising on the Potomac River everyone will realize the importance of the revitalization of the Anacostia as they view this special documentary.

MMTI and DC Council Chairman Vincent Gray, Council members Kwame Brown, Marion Barry, Tommy Wells and Harry Thomas Jr., in association with partnering organizations the National Maritime Heritage Foundation, Living Classroom, The Anacostia Watershed Society and The Anacostia Community Boathouse Association invites the general public to witness this historic documentary. Each partnering organization had a special role in providing quality experiences for young people on the Anacostia River, from boating, conservation, ecology and biology to just plain fun and enjoyment of the river.

While learning the finer aspects of documentary development, the MMTI students captured the early community meetings that The Anacostia Waterfront Corporation held at the Cesar Chavez School. The documentary focuses on the past, present and the possible future of the Anacostia River from the eyes of young people as they celebrated the 2006 summer experience and speak to the residents of Anacostia. Also, included in the documentary are comments by Mayor Adrian Fenty; The Deputy Mayor for Economic Development and Interim Director of the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation, Neil Albert; Chairman Vincent Gray; Councilmember Marion Barry and the lead developer of the Anacostia Waterfront, Lamont H. Hoffman.

Lyn Dyson, MMTI President and Executive Producer affirms, "Our young people are excited about the opportunity to showcase their creative skills and to use their training to inform the public about issues having great impact on the environment and the community at large."

MMTI is a non-profit, culturally-based educational and training institution whose mission is to empower youth and young adults through the tools of video and computer technology, entrepreneurship and technical and administrative theatre. All proceeds from this event will be used for the MMTI 2007 Summer Program. For ticket information go to www.mmtidc.org/premiere or call 202-726-4597.

This special evening is sponsored by the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation, The Odyssey Boat Lines, McFarland Partners and DC United. MMTI's 2006 summer training program was partially funded by The Anacostia Waterfront Corporation, The DC Children Youth Investment Trust Corporation, The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities and the United Planning Organization.