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Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice Invited to Climate Change Leadership Summit

DETROIT, Mich., May 22, 2013 – Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice’s Senior Policy Manager and Project Director of Detroit Climate Action Collaborative (DCAC), Kimberly Hill, has been invited to attend the White House Women’s Leadership Summit on Climate and Energy in Washington, D.C.. The Summit will be held on May 23, 2013 at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building from 10am to 5:00pm.

Hill was selected as a leader in her field to join a select group of individuals from the public, private, academic, and philanthropic sectors to highlight women leaders who are working to address climate change. Hill has dedicated her life to protecting Detroit’s communities from the destructive impacts of climate change at the local, regional, and state levels. In 2011, Kimberly convened community, academic, government, and private stakeholders to form the DCAC. Through DCAC, she is facilitating the development of the City of Detroit’s first comprehensive Climate Action Plan, in response to Detroit’s local climate projections.

The Summit will focus on effective communications strategies on climate change and energy; provide networking opportunities; and garner commitments for ongoing collaboration and action.

The event is jointly hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, the White House Council on Environmental Quality, the White House Council on Women and Girls, and the White House Office of Public Engagement.

“To be included with some of the country’s best minds on climate change at this type of Summit is an honor and a testament to the work we’ve been doing in Detroit. I look forward to sharing thoughts and ideas on how we can address climate change in large urban cities like Detroit and how we can collaborate nationally to address this important issue” said Hill.

ABOUT DETROITERS WORKING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (DWEJ)

DWEJ, a voice for environmental justice in Michigan since 1994, works with communities to create cleaner, healthier and safer neighborhoods and envisions Detroit as a vibrant urban center in SE Michigan where all thrive in environmental, economic, and social health. DWEJ is dedicated to empowering urban residents to take a meaningful role in the decision-making process surrounding environmental concerns in their own communities. We are also about building connections—between jobs and a healthy environment, community development and environmental justice, community-driven policy and economic development.

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