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Rep. Ford Promotes Job Opportunities for All by Providing Transportation from the West Side to Downtown

CHICAGO – On Monday morning, buses leave the West Side at 9 a.m. as State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) is joined by the Illinois Department of Employment Security, Infrastructure Engineering, Inc., and the Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce to promote job opportunities for all by providing transportation to downtown. After participants arrive at the state of Illinois James R. Thompson Center, they will be provided assistance in their job-seeking. More than 150 people have signed up for this free service, and at least 3 buses will provide the transportation. Hundreds more from all over the area have said they will meet Ford downtown. Central Management Services, the department that oversees the employment of people for state of Illinois jobs, will guide participants through the process so they can test and apply for a state job. The Illinois Department of Employment Security and the Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce will team up to provide information to participants about other employment services, including federally-funded job training programs where individuals can find a job or train for a new career.

According to U.S. Census data, 19.3% citizens of the West Side community of Austin are unemployed. "This event aims to increase the resources that local citizens may use in order to find employment with the state of Illinois or in the private sector," said Ford. "For many of the participating eager citizens, an opportunity for employment can literally be a bus ride away. We hope to increase the chances of employment by providing transportation and assistance to those seeking a good job." Rep. Ford concluded, "I also want to thank our partners, including Michael Sutton of Infrastructure Engineering, Inc. and the Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce, who are sponsoring the buses and providing a box lunch for participants."

For more information or to make media arrangements, please call Rep. Ford's constituent service office at (773) 378-5902 or (708) 445-3673.

What:	Promoting Job Opportunities – Buses to Downtown
Who:	State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford Illinois Department of Employment Security Infrastructure Engineering, Inc. Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce
When:	Monday, February 27, 2012 9 a.m.
Where:	State Rep. Ford's Constituent Service Office 5104 W. Chicago Ave Chicago, IL 60651