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## **New Study to Assess Job Availability for Red Line Project**

BALTIMORE, MD (January 30, 2009) - Putting Baltimore to work on the Red Line is the focus of a new Jobs Study initiated this week by the City of Baltimore. The Red Line Transit Project is expected to boost the local economy by generating approximately 17,000 construction jobs and stimulating 33,000 permanent jobs.

The University of Baltimore's Jacob France Institute has been commissioned to conduct the study in order to develop the right training and education programs for jobs that will be created by the Red Line. The partnership represents a major step forward in launching the workforce development effort promised in the Community Compact.

Over the next few months, the University of Baltimore's Jacob France Institute will examine the proposed Red Line construction project and provide projections for new jobs, job categories, skills sets and training required. An assessment of the current labor force along the Red Line corridor will also ensure that city residents are ready to go to work when construction begins in 2012.