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PRESS RELEASE

JAA, SHANDS Jacksonville, JTA TO HOLD EDUCATIONAL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES WORKSHOP FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE JACKSONVILLE ASIAN AMERICAN ALLIANCE

Jacksonville, FL, September 21, 2006 – An educational workshop/forum on economic opportunities for minority-owned businesses will be hosted by the Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA), Shands Jacksonville and the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) for members and friends of the Jacksonville Asian American Alliance (JAAA). The workshop will take place on Thursday, October 5, 2006, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the second floor of the Jacksonville Aviation Authority Administration Building located at 14201 Pecan Road.

“The event will provide a great opportunity to learn about the programs Jacksonville Aviation Authority, Shands Jacksonville and the Jacksonville Transportation Authority have for businesses owned by Asians and other minority groups,” JAAA Chairman Jay Lee commented. “We appreciate the Jacksonville Aviation Authority’s efforts to reach out to Asian Americans in Jacksonville. The Jacksonville Asian Alliance appreciates being invited to attend this educational gathering,” Jay Lee added.

The **Jacksonville Aviation Authority** owns and manages the Jacksonville Airport System, comprised of Jacksonville International Airport (JIA), Craig Airport, Herlong Airport and Cecil Field and is strategically located throughout the Community.

Shands Jacksonville is the largest of nine hospitals in the Shands Health Care family serving 19 counties in Florida, including Duval, Clay, Nassau and St. Johns Counties, as well as several counties in southern Georgia. The hospital is made up of more than 3,300 employees.

The **Jacksonville Transportation Authority**, an independent state agency serving Duval County, designs and constructs bridges and highways and provides varied mass transit services. These include bus service, a downtown Skyway monorail, the Trolley service, the Stadium Shuttle for sporting events, JTA Connexion for the disabled and elderly, and ChoiceRide that connects employers and employees to job access through customized transportation options.

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