

Ramsey County Discontinues Lifetrack's MFIP Employment Services Partnership

February 3, 2009 (Saint Paul) – Today the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners voted four to three to accept an independent panel's recommendation for MFIP Employment Service Providers. Lifetrack Resources was not one of the recommended service providers and will discontinue employment services to MFIP's general population in Ramsey County on March 31, 2009.

Lifetrack Resources is the longest serving employment service provider for Ramsey County's Welfare to Work programs. Ramsey County's decision to not renew Lifetrack as an MFIP employment services provider will result in elimination of employment counselors at three locations: 709 University Avenue, 738 University Avenue, the east side Merrick Community Center, and related services at American Indian Family Center.

Lifetrack Resources' President Trixie Ann Golberg said today that, "The discontinuation of the MFIP program within Lifetrack comes as we have seen both caseloads increase and strong progress in job placement, even in the current weak economy. Lifetrack will continue our strong commitment to providing holistic services to our clients who face the greatest challenges. We will continue to provide comprehensive services to our employment services clients building from our vocational services traditions, serving job seekers and employees with disabilities, and continuing to be a national model for employment success for immigrants and refugees."

Lifetrack Resources' Transitional Jobs and Employment initiatives include programs serving the metro area and southern Minnesota. As a proven, successful provider of employment services, Lifetrack will continue to provide Welfare to Work programs in Hennepin County and employment services to legal immigrants and refugees, people with disabilities, and transitional jobs at Packaging First, Lifetrack's contract packaging facility.

Lifetrack Resources has achieved many successes over the past ten years of providing MFIP employment services. Lifetrack was the first to pilot Functional Work English and Transitional Jobs programs, selected by the award winning Anukey partnership to be the employment partner with the American Indian Family Center, and have the highest ranking collaborative serving refugees and immigrants in the state of Minnesota.

About Lifetrack Resources

Lifetrack Resources is a non-profit human services organization with a mission *to work together to develop the strengths within children, families and adults facing the greatest life challenges* so that all families and individuals are strong, healthy and productive members of the community. Lifetrack has served the Twin Cities community for 60 years; annually helping people create a better life through our focus on Child & Family Healthy Development and Employment & Economic Opportunity.