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We are pleased to announce that A.E. Benike, Inc. will begin to construct a new, energy efficient "green building" for the Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association – IMAA -- that will meet the needs of this growing non-profit organization well into the future.

The new building will serve IMAA's need for a friendly and welcoming environment that is accessible. The new location will also provide a unified office space that houses all of our staff under one roof. This exciting project will benefit IMAA and solve functional issues in a way that is respectful of our environment, honors our community, and reflects the positive values of IMAA as an organization.

Please join us in ushering in this new era for IMAA and the Rochester community. Wear warm clothes and be ready to celebrate this giant milestone in IMAA's history!

**WHO:** IMAA, A.E.Benike, Chamber of Commerce, press and media representatives, friends, funders & family

**WHAT:** Groundbreaking Ceremony & Refreshments

**WHERE:** The site of IMAA's new home at 2500 Valleyhigh Drive NW (next to the Rochester Off Campus Charter High School)

**WHEN:** Friday, November 10, 2006 at NOON

***About IMAA:*** Founded as a nonprofit organization in 1984 in Rochester, Minnesota, IMAA provides culturally and linguistically appropriate support services that foster the well-being and independence of our foreign born residents. IMAA serves community businesses and organizations that seek to increase their cultural awareness and decrease the barriers to self-sufficiency that are encountered by our newest Americans. An agency of the United Way of Olmsted County since 1986, IMAA's budget is funded through a combination of grants, service fees, and contributions. IMAA is also supported by the efforts of many active and loyal volunteers.

For more information, please contact Kristy Arend at 507 289 5960 or [Kristy.Arend@imaa.net](mailto:Kristy.Arend@imaa.net). See you on November 10!