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Girls Inc. Girls Help Local Businesses Stay “Green” with Free Energy Audit

Alameda, CA – Girls from Girls Inc. of the Island City will be helping local businesses stay “green” by providing free energy audits around Alameda on Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007.

They are doing the audits in partnership with Alameda Power & Telecom and Strategic Energy Innovations of San Rafael as a part of Girls Inc.’s science, math and technology program, *Operation SMART*.

“The girls will be showing businesses how they can change the types of light bulbs and fixtures they use in order to save energy and money,” said Tristen Fredrickson, Program Director at Girls Inc.

The girls – ages 10 to 12 - will be visiting Dog Bone Alley, Tucker’s Super Creamed Ice Cream, and other businesses on Park Street from 3:30 to 5:00 pm on Wednesday, Feb. 28th.

For information, contact Tristen Fredrickson at 510.521.1743 or tfredrickson@girlsincislandcity.org

Girls Inc. of the Island City is an affiliate of the national organization Girls Inc. Since 1964, Girls Inc. of the Island City has provided the only program in Alameda designed specifically for girls. Our programs “fill in the gap” on issues that parents and schools don’t always have the time or resources to cover and we provide more than 25,000 hours of programming each year to girls ages 6 to 18 and during the summer. At Girls Inc., girls and teens program, girls are challenged to explore science, math and computers, examine how money is earned and invested, and to ask questions about and take leadership roles in the world.

The organization also offers a licensed childcare service called Alameda Island Kids for both girls and boys at seven elementary schools around Alameda, including Bay Farm, Earhart, Edison, Franklin, Lum, Otis, and Paden. For more information about Girls Inc., call (510) 521-1743 or visit our website at www.girlsincislandcity.org.

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