MEDIA ADVISORY

What: Ribbon Cutting With Mayor Lee at Bridge HIV (formerly HIV Research Section)

When: Friday, September 28, 2012
10 a.m.

Where: 25 Van Ness Avenue (enter on Oak St.)
San Francisco, CA

Focus: Join Mayor Edwin Lee; Grant Colfax, MD, Director of White House Office of National AIDS Policy; Barbara Garcia, Director of Health; Herb Schultz, Region IX Director, US Department of Health & Human Services and others in a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open Bridge HIV, a renovation of 17,000 sf of space that is part of the SOAR project.

SOAR (San Francisco Office of AIDS Renovation Project) was funded by a $9.5 million grant from the Office of Research Infrastructure Programs at the National Institutes of Health—part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment of 2009 (ARRA). This is the only NIH grant under ARRA given to a public health department in the US.

Come and see San Francisco Department of Public Health’s new state-of-the-art facility for world class research in the fight against the spread of HIV/AIDS.

The new renovation is allowing us to expand everything--space, enrollment in clinical trials, collaboration, community input, training, mentoring and all aspects of research, including a new laboratory and beautiful exam rooms.