



# PUBLIC HEALTH

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## ***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.