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CHICAGO PUBLIC MEDIA WELCOMES THE COMMUNITY TO ITS NEW WEST SIDE BUREAU IN LITTLE VILLAGE MEET THE STAFF AT AN OPEN HOUSE AND COOKOUT ON FRIDAY, JULY 26

July 11, 2013 – **Chicago Public Media** invites the public to check out the brand new **West Side Bureau** during an open house and cookout on Friday, July 26, 1-6 p.m., 2710 W. Cermak Road. Vocalo and WBEZ staff will be on site to show visitors the new space. They'll introduce a few Vocalo hosts including *The Morning AMps* **Molly Adams** and *The MusicVox*'s **Jesse Menendez** as well as WBEZ's dedicated West Side Bureau reporter **Chip Mitchell**.

"We are excited about this new location as it gives us a physical presence in WRTE 90.7 FM's (formerly Radio Arte's signal) coverage area, and will allow us to continue to serve Little Village, Pilsen and West Side neighborhoods of Chicago," said Silvia Rivera, Vocalo's managing director. "In addition to the reporting that you've come to rely on from Chip Mitchell, Vocalo and WBEZ will host ongoing training sessions and related community events in this space. We strive to ensure this space is vital and makes a positive contribution to the area."

"Our community bureaus have played an essential role in our coverage of the diverse communities of Greater Chicago," said Sally Eisele, WBEZ's managing editor. "We are eager to use this new bureau to build new relationships and deepen our commitment to the communities of the region."

West Side Bureau Open House

Friday, July 26, 1 – 6 p.m.
2710 W. Cermak Road
Tours and introductions with staff
Grilled eats with light refreshments will be served
Live music broadcast on Vocalo 90.7FM

Chicago Public Media currently operates three Community Bureaus: on Chicago's North Side (Rogers Park), West Side (Little Village) and Northwest Indiana (Chesterton, IN). First established in 2007, the Community Bureaus are located in neighborhoods and regions chosen specifically because they are often underrepresented in the mainstream media. Each Bureau is a storefront operation, strategically placed amidst local merchants, aldermanic offices, cultural centers and the community in general. The Bureaus aim to assist Chicago Public Media in providing its listeners with a deeper understanding of the community and the opportunity to become engaged in the important issues of each region.

Vocalo.org was established in June 2007 as an initiative of Chicago Public Media to make public radio more open to the public at large. The website and radio station – committed to fostering conversation between diverse constituents – is a next-generation public media service that connects with younger, culturally diverse audiences through music and stories.

Chicago Public Media is an institution that creates award-winning content for people seeking to learn more about the issues and ideas that affect our community, our nation and our world. Chicago Public Media produces programs such as *This American Life*, *Sound Opinions*, *Wait, Wait...Don't Tell Me!* (a co-production with NPR), *The Morning Shift*, *The Afternoon Shift*, *Worldview* and *Radio M*. It operates WBEZ 91.5 FM, one of the country's premiere public radio stations, along with Vocalo 89.5 FM and 90.7 FM, a next generation service that seeks to expand the reach of public media. For more information, visit www.WBEZ.org.

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