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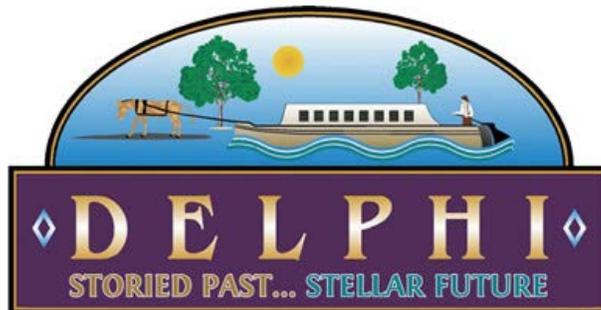
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City Opens Facades Project to More Downtown Businesses

Delphi, IN – April 12, 2013 – The City of Delphi announced today that they will be taking applications for the Stellar façade program from a larger part of the downtown. Businesses throughout the downtown commercial district will now be eligible for the program.

“We realized that there were many important businesses that were excluded from the Stellar façade program simply because they were just outside the historic district,” said Mayor Randy Strasser. “These businesses make a huge contribution to our downtown, so we want to give them a chance to participate.”

If a business outside the historic district is interested, they will need to fill out an application and submit it to the City. Applications can be obtained at City Hall, and must be returned to City Hall by April 30, 2013. No applications are necessary for businesses within the historic district. Residences are not eligible.

“Our priority is still the historic district,” continued Mayor Strasser. “Even though we can’t add many more buildings to the program, we wanted to help out those properties that contribute the most to the downtown.”

City planners and the facade architects will review the applications, and score them with the same criteria as the balance of the businesses. Those criteria include architectural significance, impact, condition, building/business importance, and location within the historic district. The architects will meet with businesses with the highest scores, and develop concepts for those properties.

Additional information on the Delphi’s Stellar Communities projects can be found on the City of Delphi website (www.cityofdelphi.org) and on the City’s Stellar Facebook Page.

The Stellar Communities program is a partnership of the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and Indiana Department of Transportation designed to fund comprehensive community development projects in Indiana’s smaller communities. Delphi’s Stellar Projects include revitalizing courthouse square and central business district and creating pedestrian friendly, improved residential neighborhoods adjacent to downtown.

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