

WASHINGTON - Congressman Lee Terry (NE-02) today announced that Omaha has been awarded a \$2,000,000 grant for lead-based paint clean-up. The Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program (Lead Hazard Control) grant is awarded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

"This is great news for Omaha," said Terry. "This money will aid in the holistic approach to removing lead-based paint from both the interior and exterior of homes. Our children deserve to live and to lead healthy lives in lead-safe areas. It is important to make certain that the residents in the affected parts of the city are protected from the dangers of prolonged lead exposure. This grant, other public funds, and resources from Union Pacific and others will go a long way to promote the health of our children."

The primary purpose of the Lead Hazard Control program is to reduce the exposure of young children to lead-based paint hazards in their homes.

To address interior lead-based paint, Terry introduced a bill (HR 433) in February 2005 that would improve the guidelines used in determining recipients of the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control grant, administered by HUD. The bill was designed to improve the chances of federal assistance for lead paint removal from low-income homes in east Omaha and similar sites across the country by requiring HUD to consider whether remedial projects are in Superfund sites. In November 2004, the City of Omaha lost a \$3 million grant for this HUD assistance.

Terry is a member of the House Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, whose jurisdiction includes the Superfund.