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President-Elect Obama Invites Mayors To Announcement on Economic Stimulus Package

Mayors Say Investment in 'Ready-to-Go' Local Projects Would Create Jobs, Spur Economy

Washington, D.C. -- President-Elect Barack Obama has invited a delegation of U.S. Mayors led by Miami Mayor and U.S. Conference of Mayors President Manny Diaz to join him on Thursday at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA, for a major announcement on his economic stimulus plan for America.

Mayors have stressed that investing in MainStreet metropolitan economies, which comprise 90% of our gross domestic product and drive the national economy, is the most direct path to creating jobs and stimulating the business that can begin to reverse the current economic downturn. Mayors say metro infrastructure projects can start quickly because the funding for them can come directly to their cities through existing funding channels. Hundreds of mayors from across the country have already identified and presented thousands of "ready-to-go" projects to President-Elect Obama that could create over a million jobs and improve the basic infrastructure of cities and metropolitan regions with federal investment.

The mayors will attend a briefing with the President-elect in advance of his speech at George Mason University and will be available for one-on-one interviews immediately following President-Elect Obama's remarks.

WHO: Miami, FL Mayor Manny Diaz, President, USCM
Trenton, NJ Mayor Douglas Palmer, USCM Past President
Louisville, KY Mayor Jerry Abramson, USCM Past President
Akron, OH Mayor Don Plusquellic, USCM Past President
Charleston, SC Mayor Joseph Riley, USCM Past President
Providence, RI Mayor David Cicilline
Columbus, OH Mayor Michael Coleman
Philadelphia, PA Mayor Michael Nutter
Salt Lake City, UT Mayor Ralph Becker
Washington, D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty
Columbia, SC Mayor Bob Coble
Tom Cochran, CEO and Executive Director, USCM

WHAT: Press Availability with The Nation's Mayors (who will attend President-Elect Obama's Announcement on Economic Recovery)

WHEN: Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 11:45 a.m. (Immediately After President Elect Obama's Remarks)

WHERE: George Mason University
Center for the Arts
4400 University Dr.
Fairfax, VA 22030

The U.S. Conference of Mayors is the official nonpartisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more. There are 1,139 such cities in the country today, each represented in the Conference by its chief elected official, the Mayor.