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## 2010 MAYORS' CLIMATE PROTECTION AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

### *First Place Winners: Chicago and North Little Rock*

**Oklahoma City** – Chicago, IL Mayor Richard M. Daley and North Little Rock, AR Mayor Patrick Henry Hays have been selected to receive the 2010 Mayors' Climate Protection Awards, a program sponsored by The U.S. Conference of Mayors and Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

The Awards Program recognizes mayors for innovative practices in their cities designed to increase energy efficiency and curb global warming. An independent panel of judges selected the winners from a pool of 140 applicants.

“These leading mayors are great examples of local leaders taking action to help our cities become climate friendly,” said Conference President Burnsville Mayor Elizabeth B. Kautz. “Mayor Daley’s *Climate Action Plan* offers strategies that can be used by all cities striving to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change, while Mayor Hays’s *Think Global, Act Local Strategy* is the perfect example of local climate action that can provide economic and quality of life improvements and job creation.”

“We are proud to honor these cities and their mayors for their leadership and the innovative ways they are reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving the quality of life in their communities,” said Matt Kistler, Walmart’s Senior Vice President for Sustainability. “While the challenges remain, together we are helping Americans reduce their energy use and save money so they can live better. With the commitment of USCM, Walmart, and concerned citizens, we will continue to move our cities, our nation, and our planet forward toward a more sustainable future.”

“In Chicago, the environment is a major component of our strategy to attract people and jobs, remain competitive into the future, and improve the quality of life for all our residents,” said Mayor Daley. “I’m proud of the environmental leadership example that Chicago has set and that is being replicated by cities here and around the world. I am confident that if we address the climate change challenge together, with creativity and boldness, then we can lead the world in designing a path to a more secure future.”

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“Globally, cities occupy two percent of the planet’s landmass, but consume over 75 percent of the world’s natural resources,” said North Little Rock’s Mayor Hays. “Now, you tell me, who has responsibility and opportunity for the future of our children and grandchildren? Mayors, let’s keep making things happen!”

### **First Place Award Program Summaries**

- **Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley (Large City Category)**

*Chicago Climate Action Plan (CCAP) – a Blueprint to a Sustainable Future*

*The Chicago Climate Action Plan (CCAP) – A blueprint to a more sustainable future that partners with foundations, nationally recognized researchers, non-profit organizations, community and environmental groups, and corporate partners. Launched in 2008, CCAP is a roadmap of five strategies with 35 actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and adapt to climate change. CCAP’s ultimate goal is to achieve an 80 percent reduction below 1990 GHG emission levels by 2050, with a midterm goal of a 25 percent reduction below 1990 levels by 2020.*

- **North Little Rock Mayor Patrick Henry Hays (Small City Category)**

*Think Global, Act Local Strategy*

Built on a policy that local climate action can provide economic and quality of life benefits, even in America’s smaller cities, North Little Rock has become a leader in local and regional climate change policies that touch citizens where they live, work, and play. Beginning in 1990, North Little Rock’s strategy of “think global, act local” and its belief that sustainable climate change initiatives must logically begin at the individual citizen level has resulted in substantial greenhouse gas reductions, quality of life improvements, and job creation.

**Honorable Mentions** were awarded to five large cities and five small cities. Brief descriptions of their programs are listed in a new Best Practices Guide found at: [usmayors.org/climateprotection](http://usmayors.org/climateprotection)

- **Large City Honorable Mentions:**

**Anaheim, CA; Dallas, TX; Frisco, TX; New York City, NY; San Francisco, CA**

- **Small City Honorable Mentions:**

**Burlington, VT; Denton, TX; Evanston, IL; Lake Oswego, OR; Lauderhill, FL**

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