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## CONFERENCE OF MAYORS PRESIDENT TRENTON MAYOR DOUG PALMER TO JOIN SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE NANCY PELOSI TO DISCUSS LOCAL GREEN JOBS INITIATIVES AND CLIMATE PROTECTION

*Trenton, NJ* – The United States Conference of Mayors President, Trenton Mayor Douglas H. Palmer and U.S. Reps. Rush Holt and Frank Pallone will welcome House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to Trenton Friday afternoon for a press conference on how local and regional green energy and job training initiatives can work to spur economic development.

As part of the Mayor's Trenton Green initiative, the Isles YouthBuild Institute is collaborating with SunPower on a solar panel installation training program to begin in April and begin preparing Trenton's young people for tomorrow's green jobs. Marty Johnson, president and CEO of Isles, Inc., a Trenton-based community development and environmental organization; Isles YouthBuild students; and representatives of SunPower, which has a Trenton regional office for its solar panel installation business will also be present.

Conference President Palmer has made climate protection and green jobs in cities the top legislative priority of the 10-Point Plan for the nation's mayors. Enactment of a national energy bill which included a new Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, to be funded at \$2 billion annually to help cities fund local green projects, was also one of Palmer's priorities for the Conference. This block grant will help cities accelerate a transition to a greener economy, and help create green jobs. Mayors are working with Congressional leaders to obtain full funding this year for this critical block grant program.

**What:** Press Conference with Conference of Mayors President Trenton Mayor Douglas H. Palmer and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi to discuss local green job initiatives

**When:** 2:30 p.m. EST, Friday February 29, 2008

**Where:** The Isles YouthBuild Institute, located at 354 South Broad Street in Trenton, NJ

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