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U.S. MAYORS TO MEET AT WHITE HOUSE WITH SENIOR ADVISORS ON ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN

Washington, D.C. – Led by Miami Mayor and U.S. Conference of Mayors President Manny Diaz, a delegation of American mayors will meet with White House Senior Advisors tomorrow morning at the Old Executive Office Building regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

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 believe that the American people cannot afford delay and are urging Congress to quickly pass a recovery bill now.

Following the meeting with White House personnel, mayors will meet with House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi (CA) on Capitol Hill. Both meetings are closed to the press, but mayors will hold **a press availability tomorrow at the West Wing Stakeout at 10:00 am with White House Senior Staff.**

WHO:

Miami (FL) Mayor Manny Diaz, USCM President
Trenton (NJ) Mayor Douglas H. Palmer
Akron (OH) Mayor Donald L. Plusquellic
Charleston (SC) Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr.
Elizabeth (NJ) Mayor J. Christian Bollwage
Albuquerque (NM) Mayor Martin J. Chavez
Palatine (IL) Mayor Rita L. Mullins
Los Angeles (CA) Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa
Providence (RI) Mayor David Cicilline
Des Moines (IA) Mayor T.M. Franklin Cownie
Atlanta (GA) Mayor Shirley Franklin

Denver (CO) Mayor John Hickenlooper
Columbia (MO) Mayor Darwin Hindman
Southfield (MI) Mayor Brenda Lawrence
Santa Ana (CA) Mayor Miguel A. Pulido
Salt Lake City (UT) Mayor Ralph Becker
North Miami (FL) Mayor Kevin Burns
Alexandria (VA) Mayor William Euille
Phoenix (AZ) Mayor Phil Gordon
Lexington (KY) Mayor Jim Newberry
USCM CEO & Executive Director Tom Cochran

WHAT: Press Availability w/ The Nation's Mayors & White House Senior Personnel

WHEN: Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. (Immediately After Meeting)

WHERE: West Wing Stakeout
Washington, D.C.

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.