***MEDIA ADVISORY***

U.S. AND JAPANESE MAYORS HOLD A FELLOWSHIP EXCHANGE IN HAWAII

Will Share Ideas on Environmental Issues

Washington D.C – The President of The United States Conference of Mayors (USCM), Douglas H. Palmer (Trenton, NJ), will join the Conference’s Tourism Committee Chair and host Mayor Mufi Hannemann (Honolulu, HI) and USCM Executive Director Tom Cochran for a Media Availability on Tuesday August 21, 2007. The Mayors are attending the Ninth Japan-United States Mayors Fellowship Exchange.

“This is a great opportunity to exchange ideas and strengthen the already strong ties between cities in the United States and Japan. Our cities face many economic challenges, but we also have great ideas that can be shared to keep cities in both countries competitive in this global economy,” said Mayor Palmer.

Environmental preservation is at the top of the mayors’ agenda. The Conference has created a Mayors Climate Protection Center to provide cities with best practices and technical assistance to implement the goals established by the Mayors’ Climate Protection Agreement -- signed by over 650 mayors across the United States -- which promotes increased energy efficiency, greenhouse gas reductions, and conservation strategies in cities.

**WHO:**

Trenton Mayor Douglas H. Palmer, USCM President
Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann, USCM Tourism Committee Chair & Host
Tom Cochran, USCM Executive Director

**WHAT:**

Media Availability

**WHEN:**

Tuesday, August 21st - 12:30 PM

**WHERE:**

HYATT REGENCY HOTEL – Elima Room
2424 Kalakaua Avenue
Honolulu, Hawaii

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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.

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