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HOW ARE U.S. CITIES PLANNING TO USE FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS?

VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN, SR. WHITE HOUSE ADVISOR JARRETT ATTENDING MAYORS' ANNUAL GATHERING JUNE 12 - 15 ~ PROVIDENCE, RI

Washington, D.C. – **Hundreds of U.S. Mayors will gather for the 77th Annual Meeting of the United States Conference of Mayors in Providence (RI) from Friday, June 12th to Monday, June 15th, led by USCM President and City of Miami Mayor, Manny Diaz.**

Vice President Joe Biden, Senior White House Advisor Valerie Jarrett, HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan, EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, Office of National Drug Control Director Gil Kerlikowske, Alaska Senator Mark Begich, Congressional Urban Caucus Chair Chaka Fattah (PA) are confirmed for the USCM Meeting.

The Conference of Mayors has been working with the White House Office of Intergovernmental affairs to establish an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Resource Center where mayors and city staff can meet with federal staff managing the various ARRA programs to seek guidance on federal stimulus funding implementation.

Led by Mayor Diaz and hosted by Providence Mayor David Cicilline, this event is the largest annual gathering of U.S. mayors. In addition to Recovery Act implementation, the meeting will also highlight illegal guns and gun violence, energy independence, education and the 2010 Census. At the culmination of the meeting, mayors will debate and vote on national policy recommendations to forward to Congress and the new Administration.

U.S. President Barack Obama and his cabinet have been invited. An advance DRAFT agenda is also posted at www.usmayors.org. All CREDENTIALLED press

wishing to attend should pre-register VIA THE USCM WEBSITE to gain access to the meeting.

For more information about the Annual Meeting, please contact Elena Temple 202-861-6719 (etemple@usmayors.org) or Carlos Vogel 202-861-6708 (cvogel@usmayors.org)

WHAT: **Hundreds of U.S. Mayors to Attend USCM 77th Annual Meeting**

WHEN: **Friday, June 12th – Monday, June 15th**

WHERE: **The Rhode Island Convention Center | One Sabin Street | Providence, RI 02903 | 401-458-6000**

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