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U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS PRESENTS PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AWARDS

Eight Cities Honored For Model Best-Practice Programs

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Conference of Mayors today recognized outstanding partnerships between cities and companies at the Conference's 72nd Winter Meeting. Laredo Mayor Elizabeth Flores presented awards for best practices in Portland, Washington, D.C., Augusta, Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland, Cedar Rapids and New Orleans. In addition to Mayor Flores, who serves as Chair of the Mayors and Business Community Task Force, Hempstead Mayor and Conference President James Garner participated in the awards ceremony.

In announcing the awards, Conference Executive Director J. Thomas Cochran remarked, "All of these partnerships share in common a synergy that has changed the way city services are delivered. Time after time, we have seen how public-private partnerships have resulted in new and creative approaches to solving some of the most intractable problems faced by cities. These award winners will inspire more cities and companies to work together to improve the quality of life for all city residents."

The Mayors Business Council established these awards to encourage businesses and cities to work together to improve local communities. An independent panel of judges was appointed by the Conference of Mayors to review the submissions. The judges are former Mayor of Santa Clara, CA Judy Nadler, Former Mayor of Rockford, IL Charles Box, and Neil Hare, Vice President of Corporate Communications for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Criteria upon which their selections were made included: improvement in delivery of services, replicability, sustainability, cost savings, creativity of approach, benefits to both public and private partners, economic and business benefits, and measurable results.

Following the awards presentation, The Conference also released its "Public/Private Partnership Awards Best Practices Guide" (available on the web at usmayors.org). This report describes the winning partnerships in two award categories: the Award of Excellence and the Outstanding Achievement Award. The guide will provide a blueprint for other cities to emulate the winners.

The award winners are as follows:

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE:

City	Company	Partnership
Portland	Bechtel Corporation	Portland's Airport Light Rail
Wash., D.C.	COMCAST and Fannie Mae	Mayor's Lifelong Learning Initiative

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

City	Company	Partnership
Augusta	Operations Management International (OMI)	Augusta, GA Wastewater Treatment System
Baltimore	Motorola	CitiTrack (CRM) in Baltimore
Chicago	Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP	City of Chicago Fees & Fines Collection Program
Cleveland	ORACLE Corporation	ORACLE Academies for City of Cleveland, Cleveland Municipal School District
Cedar Rapids	Fannie Mae	William B. Quarton Place
New Orleans	Intrado	Safe City Plan that Includes Intellicast

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