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## **CITES UNITED FOR SCIENCE PROGRESS (CUSP) ANNOUNCES THE WINNERS OF THE 2005 *LEAD-SAFE...FOR KIDS SAKE* GRANT PROGRAM**

**San Francisco wins First Place award of \$175,000; Second Place Winners are Rochester, NY and Gary, IN who each receive \$100,000**

**JUNE 13, 2005, Chicago, IL** —Today, Cities United for Science Progress, a partnership between The U.S. Conference of Mayors and DuPont, announced the winners of the 2005 “Lead-Safe for Kids Sake” grant program. The three grants totaled \$375,000. The first place Award for Excellence in the amount of \$175,000 was given to San Francisco, CA. The two second-place Awards of \$100,000 for Distinction were given to Rochester, NY and Gary, IN respectively. Campbell announced the winning cities today during The U.S. Conference of Mayor's 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual meeting in Chicago, IL.

The “Lead-Safe...For Kid’s Sake” grants are awarded to cities for their efforts in proposing and/or demonstrating excellence in implementing effective solutions to make their communities lead-safe. Since its inception in 2002, DuPont though CUSP has awarded USCM member cities over \$2.6 million in an effort to make America’s cities lead-safe. The 2005 award-winning cities represent the very best and most innovative ideas that help make our communities lead-safe.

“As chair of CUSP, I am delighted to stand with our partner, DuPont, in recognizing excellence and distinction in America’s cities,” said Macon, GA Mayor C. Jack Ellis. “Thanks to these generous grants from Dupont, children across the country will be healthier, stronger and have better futures. We hope that mayors in these award-winning cities serve as an example for other cities and that their creative programs and initiatives can be duplicated.”

USCM Executive Director, J. Thomas Cochran added, "We thank the participating cities from across the country for their active interest in CUSP's 'Lead-Safe...For Kid's Sake' Grant Program. DuPont and the U.S. Conference of Mayors are proud of the award-winning cities and look forward to following their example as they develop and maintain lead-safe programs and initiatives in their communities."

CUSP visits cities across the country to assist mayors them in creating healthier, safer and economically vibrant cities through science-based solutions.

“We at DuPont are honored to support and present the 'Lead-Safe...For Kid's Sake' Grant Program,” remarked Mary Kate Campbell, DuPont Public Affairs Manager, who presented the 2005 CUSP Awards. “These award-winning cities truly exemplify the type of innovative thinking that is necessary to make our cities lead-safe and to ensure a brighter tomorrow for our children. I also commend all of the best practice winners. These winners are the incubators of new thinking that will help us combat childhood lead poisoning.”

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