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CITES UNITED FOR SCIENCE PROGRESS (CUSP) ANNOUNCES 2006 “LEAD-SAFE...FOR KIDS SAKE” GRANT PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, D.C. (January 26, 2006) - Cities United for Science Progress (CUSP), a partnership between The U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) and DuPont, announced Thursday the kickoff of the 2006 “Lead-Safe for Kids Sake” grant program at the USCM’s 74th Winter Meeting. “Lead-Safe...For Kid’s Sake” grants are awarded to member cities of USCM for their efforts in proposing and/or demonstrating excellence in implementing effective solutions toward making their communities lead-safe.

Three grants, totaling \$375,000 including a first-place Award for Excellence grant for \$175,000 and two second-place \$100,000 Awards of Distinction are offered. Last year, the first place Award for Excellence was presented to the City of San Francisco, Calif. The two second-place awards went to the City of Rochester, N.Y. and the City of Gary, Ind. respectively.

“We are honored to support and announce the fifth year of the ‘Lead-Safe...For Kid’s Sake’ grant program,” said Mary-Kate Campbell, director of public policy for DuPont. “These awards honor cities who truly exemplify the type of innovative thinking necessary to make our cities lead-safe and to combat childhood lead poisoning,” she said.

DuPont, through CUSP, has awarded \$3 million to 30 USCM member cities in an effort to make America’s cities lead-safe. Also available to member-cities is the *Science in the School Day* initiative, which has visited more than 50 cities and 5,000 elementary school children. CUSP visits various U.S. cities to assist mayors in creating healthier, safer and economically vibrant cities through science-based solutions.

“We thank the participating cities 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 highlighting their accomplishments as they maintain lead-safe programs in their communities,” said Conference Executive Director Tom Cochran.

For more information on how to apply for the “Lead-Safe for Kids Sake” grant program or to have CUSP visit your city, visit <http://www.usmayors.org/cusp/> or contact Jade E. Floyd at 202.466.7324, jfloyd@usmayors.org. Deadlines for grant application submissions are April 21, 2006.

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