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

Six Cities Honored For Best-Practice Programs

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Conference of Mayors today recognized outstanding partnerships between cities and companies at the Conference's 74th Winter Meeting. In addition to Las Vegas (NV) Mayor Oscar B. Goodman who serves as Chair of the Mayors and Business Community Task Force, Long Beach Mayor and Conference President Beverly O'Neill participated in the awards ceremony.

In announcing the awards, Mayor Goodman remarked, "An engaged and diverse business council, attracts business development, and maintains our cities' competitiveness. These awards emphasize the positive and mutually beneficial effect business can have on communities."

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. 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.

There are two award categories: 2 Awards of Excellence and 4 Outstanding Achievement Awards.

The award winners and program descriptions are as follows:

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE:

City	Business Council Member	Partnership
Alexandria, VA	Comcast	"City of Alexandria & Comcast: Development of the Institutional Network"
Kansas City, MO	MWH, Inc.	"Capital Improvements Management Office"

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:

City	Business Council Member	Partnership
Corpus Christi, TX	Northrop Grumman Corporation	<i>“Corpus Christi, Texas Wireless Initiative”</i>
Indianapolis, IN	Veolia Water North America	<i>“City of Indianapolis-Veolia Water Indianapolis LLC Public-Private Partnership”</i>
Pasadena, CA	Parsons Corporation	<i>“La Pintoresca Park Picnic Shelter”</i>
Stamford, CT	CH2M HILL	<i>“Stamford Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade and Expansion Project”</i>

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE:

Alexandria, VA/Comcast

“The city of Alexandria & Comcast: Development of the Institutional Network (I-Net)” project, a fiber optic network that connected approximately 98 public facilities, including schools, libraries, recreation centers and government offices, and is used for data, voice and video communications.

The I-Net has proven to be an essential and critical service for the schools, libraries and city government, by providing direct high-speed connectivity between facilities that does not rely on the Internet.

The partnership reached a milestone in July 2005, when the I-Net was connected to neighboring Arlington County’s institutional network, thus completing the first step in creating a regional interconnection.

For more information on I-Net, please contact: Marie Schuler, Director of Government Affairs for Northern Virginia, Comcast at: (703) 567-4488 or marie_schuler@cable.comcast.com or Steve Mason, City of Alexandria at: (703) 838-3861 or steve.mason@alexandriava.gov.

Kansas City, MO/MWH, Inc..

The Capital Improvements Management Office (CIMO) was a pioneering effort, designed to fast-track delivery of capital improvement projects by establishing within city government a dynamic new centralized, focused structure for procuring professional and construction services.

Today the CIMO team directs the delivery of approximately \$1.2 billion in projects, including major redevelopments such as Kansas City’s downtown entertainment district, as well as contracting \$190 million in neighborhood and public service projects.

After just 21 months, CIMO has cut project delivery time in half – down from an average of three years to less than 18 months. It has reduced the city’s costs to manage and deliver a project by at least 10%

For more information on CIMO, please contact: Eric W. Wilson, Project Manager, MWH, Inc. at (404) 236-7433 or Eric.W.Wilson@mwhglobal.com or Donna Mandelbaum, Capital Improvements Management Office at: (816) 513-2757 or Donna_Mandelbaum@kcmo.org.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:

Corpus Christi, TX/Northrop Grumman Corporation

The *Corpus Christi Texas Wireless Initiative*, which installed a city-owned, multi-purpose wireless broadband network to serve as the backbone for enhanced e-government services.

The initiative is an example of performance, features, applications, business efficiency enhancements, return on investment and positive community impact a city-owned wireless network can provide.

For more information please contact: Elizabeth Schwatka, Manager of Marketing & Communications, Northrop Grumman at: (703) 713-4352 or elizabeth.schwatka@ngc.com or Diana Z. Garza, City of Corpus Christi at: (361) 826-3102 or Dianag@cctexas.com.

Indianapolis, IN/Veolia Water North America

City of Indianapolis-Veolia Water Indianapolis Public-Private Partnership through a streamlined design/build approach, saved the city nearly \$1 million. Veolia Water also supported the local economy by utilizing local vendors as well as minority and women-owned businesses.

The company procured more than \$120 million in goods and services from local businesses, accounting for 91% of all expenditures.

For more information please contact: Angie Dye, Communications Manager, Veolia Water Indianapolis LLC at (317) 263-6517 or angie.dye@veoliawaterna.com or April Sellers, Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Indianapolis at: (317) 327-3601 or asellers@indygov.org.

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Pasadena, CA/Parsons Corporation

La Pintaresca Park Picnic Shelter Replacement. La Pintaresca Park is a 2.9 acre neighborhood park that hosts one of the City's Branch libraries. Use has noticeably increased since the completion of this project.

Parsons reimbursed the City for construction costs associated with the project, totaling \$34,358.

For more information please contact: Erin Kuhlman, VP of Corporate Relations, Parsons Corporation at (626) 440-4590 or erin.kuhlman@parsons.com or Ann Erdman, City of Pasadena at: aerdman@cityofpasadena.net.

Stamford, CT/CH2M HILL

Stamford Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade and Expansion Project was the largest capital project ever undertaken by the city – an upgrade and expansion of a 30-year old Water Pollution Control Facility.

As a result of this partnership, the city will enjoy increased revenue from the Connecticut nitrogen trading program with an expected \$400,000 per year in the sale of credits.

For more information please contact: Susan Mays, Marketing & Communications Director, CH2M HILL at (720) 286-4280 or susan.mays@omiinc.com or Beverly Aveni, Executive Aide, City of Stamford at: (203) 977-4150 or baveni@ci.stamford.ct.us.

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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