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

Ten 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 76th Winter Meeting. Las Vegas Mayor Oscar B. Goodman, Chair of the Mayors and Business Community Task Force, Vice Chair Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, and Conference President Trenton Mayor Douglas H. Palmer will participate in the awards ceremony held during the Mayors and Business Leaders Plenary Breakfast.

In announcing the awards, Mayor Goodman remarked, "Today's awards recognize ten successful and outstanding relationships between cities and businesses. They support the Conference's message of creating a strong and engaged business community inside our organization, sharing and working with us on visions of success to make our cities—and ultimately our nation – economically stronger."

The Mayors' Business Council established the 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.

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE: Colorado Springs, Colo. / CH2M HILL

The Fountain Creek Recovery Project is an effort by Colorado Springs Utilities and Colorado Springs Utilities to protect the environment. Springs Utilities implemented a \$250 million, 25-year program to protect the Fountain Creek watershed. Fountain Creek is a tributary of the Arkansas River. The project uses the existing Stubbs-Miller Ditch, a former irrigation ditch located in south Colorado Springs, to divert contaminated water from Fountain Creek to a recovery pond.

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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