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## **The U.S. Conference of Mayors Partners with The Clinton Foundation to Accelerate the Greening of Cities**

Seattle, WA – The U.S. Conference of Mayors today announced a key new partnership with the Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI) that will help catapult the efforts by hundreds of cities to reduce their carbon footprint. The partnership was unveiled during the Conference's 2007 Mayors Climate Protection Summit, before more than 300 participating mayors and climate leaders, hosted by the City of Seattle.

Through CCI's new partnership with the U.S. Conference of Mayors, an additional 1,100 U.S. cities will gain access to volume discounts on energy-efficient and clean-energy products and technologies through CCI's purchasing consortium. These benefits were previously available only to the C40 Large Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40), a group of 40 of the world's largest cities that are working in concert to fight global climate change.

"We are very honored to partner with President Clinton's Climate Initiative, because this will provide heightened opportunities to green our cities and curb global warming in America," said Conference President Trenton Mayor Doug Palmer. "Mayors are considering every possible action to utilize clean technologies and promote more efficient energy use to reverse the negative effects of climate change in cities. This new partnership will take our collective efforts to the next level."

"Climate change is a global issue that we must address immediately if we are to reverse its catastrophic effects," said President Clinton. "I am pleased that the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Wal-Mart and many businesses are working with my foundation to supply energy efficient and clean energy products. By offering these products at a discounted rate, we can ensure that more cities and citizens have access to them and that the market for clean energy technology will grow. Together, I hope that we can have a measurable impact on greenhouse gas emissions around the world."

CCI's purchasing consortium already has negotiated discounted pricing agreements with twenty-two manufacturers of energy-efficient products, including building products, indoor lighting, clean vehicles, traffic and street lighting, advanced waste management technologies, water system components, and alternative energy technologies. As a result, participating cities will have access to hundreds of individual products that reduce energy consumption in buildings, decrease fuel consumption and pollution by vehicles and capture and convert landfill methane into electricity. These and additional products will be offered to interested municipal governments at prices that have been discounted by as much as 70 percent.

“We’re very honored to be partnering with the Clinton Climate Initiative on such an important program, and we thank President Bill Clinton for helping enable cities to become healthier and more livable,” said Conference Executive Director Tom Cochran.

*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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