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Buol Attending U.S. Conference of Mayors Meeting

DUBUQUE, Iowa – Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol is one of more than 220 of the nation's mayors who will convene for the 79th Winter Meeting of The U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) Wednesday through Friday this week in Washington, D.C. The group will also meet with President Obama in the White House on Friday.

Much of the discussion during the three-day meeting, including a mayors and CEO panel on Thursday, will center on joblessness in U.S. cities and the need for job creation. Mayors are pushing the Administration and the new Congress to work together on strategies to help unemployed people in America's cities, where 85 percent of the people in this country live.

The USCM 2011 Metro Agenda for America is focused on creating jobs by fully funding CDBG; continuing the Energy Block Grant; increasing local transportation investment; reducing unfunded federal mandates and preemptions; and maintaining other successful federal investments.

Highlighting the meeting will be a presentation of the Distinguished Public Service Award to Chicago Mayor Richard Daley for his 22 years of service as mayor, as well as an event at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts to honor the 50th Anniversary of the Inauguration of President Kennedy and his national call to service.

Confirmed speakers for the meeting include: U.S. HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan, U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan, U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk, U.S. Senator Mark Begich (AK), House Democratic Leader Rep. Nancy Pelosi (CA), Caroline Kennedy, NEA Chairman Rocco Landesman, Chicago Mayor Richard Daley and others.

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