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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Dubuque Named One of Two ‘Most Livable’ Cities in U.S.**

DUBUQUE, Iowa – Dubuque was awarded first-place honors in the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) 2008 Livability Awards Program during the 2008 USCM Annual Meeting currently underway in Miami. Dubuque and Louisville, Kentucky were named the “Most Livable” cities in America.

Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol accepted the award at a ceremony in Miami last night. The USCM City Livability Program, sponsored by Waste Management, Inc., honors mayors and their city governments for developing programs that enhance the quality of life in urban areas. Established in 1979, the City Livability Awards are given annually to ten mayors and their cities -- a first-place award and four Outstanding Achievement Awards for cities under 100,000 population, and a first-place and four Outstanding Achievement Awards for cities of 100,000 or more inhabitants. Dubuque is this year’s winner in the small city category and Louisville won the large city category.

Dubuque’s application featured the *America’s River* project and the public/private partnerships and community involvement that transformed the Port of Dubuque into a destination that captures the historical, environmental, educational and recreational majesty of the Mississippi River. Phase I of *America’s River* totaled nearly \$188 million invested in projects including the Grand River Center, Mississippi Riverwalk, the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium, the Grand Harbor Resort and WaterPark, and the renovation of the Dubuque Star Brewery. Phase II is currently underway and features an additional investment of nearly \$200 million, including the McGraw-Hill Higher Education Building, the Diamond Jo Casino expansion, Port of Dubuque Public Parking Facility, the Durrant Group headquarters, the Portside Development mixed-use project, and the expansion of the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium.

For more information on the USCM City Livability Program, visit <http://www.usmayors.org/citylivabilityawards/>.

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