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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Mayor Buol Participating in U.S.-China Climate-Smart/Low-Carbon Cities Summit**

DUBUQUE, Iowa – Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol will travel to Beijing this month to participate in the second U.S.-China Climate-Smart/Low-Carbon Cities Summit to demonstrate a commitment to climate action following the Paris Agreement and to discuss low-carbon, climate-resilient communities with U.S. and Chinese state and local government, private sector, and civil society leaders.

The U.S. delegation includes mayors and leaders from 20 U.S. cities who will travel to meet delegates from over 40 Chinese cities. The summit will feature over a dozen sessions led by leading non-governmental organizations, research institutes, and government agencies, a low-carbon exhibition, and major announcements in areas like transportation, access to financing, and city-level partnerships.

Buol, a member of the Compact of Mayors, was invited to participate in the summit by the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. Mayoral participation in the summit is being supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies. Buol expects to present on Dubuque’s 50% by 2030 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan for the “Best Practices for Chinese Cities Peaking and U.S. Cities Cutting Emissions” session or on Dubuque’s Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project as a panelist in the “Adaptation and Resilience” session.

“I’m honored to represent Dubuque and our nation at this summit and to build on the progress made at the first summit in L.A. last year and the commitments made to climate action through the Paris Agreement in December 2015,” said Buol. “Dubuque is making significant

strides in planning for a low-carbon future. The U.S. and China are the two largest contributors to carbon emissions globally, so it's critical that leaders from both nations come together to work on the solution. Our work as cities will help enable both countries to meet the ambitious climate targets announced by President Obama and President Xi in November 2015 and to meet the Paris Agreement climate goals.”

Summit organizers say leaders from both countries are convening for the second year in a row to demonstrate the strength of their intentions and their work to form smart cities of the future. Summit attendees are engaged in strong city-to-city collaboration through initiatives such as Compact of Mayors and the Alliance of Peaking Pioneer Cities (APPC), which was first established by 11 Chinese cities in September 2015 at the inaugural U.S.-China Climate-Smart/Low-Carbon Cities Summit in Los Angeles.

Buol will be accompanied by Dick Landis, a member of the Dubuque Sister City Relationship Advisory Commission, who will assist with translation. Travel and hotel costs for both are being covered by C40 Cities, a network of the world's megacities committed to addressing climate change. C40 Cities is funded, in part, by Bloomberg Philanthropies.

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