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U.S. Conference of Mayors Supports Historic Boost in U.S. Residential Energy Code Code Officials Urged to Vote for Significant Energy Efficiency Policy

Bethesda, MD, June 25, 2008 – In September, the International Code Council will hold its annual meeting in Minneapolis during which time they will vote on what may be the **MOST** significant energy, environmental, and climate policy vote of 2008. The U.S. Conference of Mayors is encouraging all municipal building code officials to vote to substantially boost energy efficiency in the 2009 version of America’s model energy code, the International Energy Conservation Code, or IECC. The IECC is amended every three years and is the model energy code recognized by federal law.

In addition, the U.S. Conference of Mayors has unanimously adopted a resolution in support of “The 30% Solution,” a comprehensive package of achievable and affordable energy-efficiency proposals from the broad-based Energy Efficient Codes Coalition (EECC) that use proven, readily available, “state-of-the-shelf” technologies.

“While many Americans are and should be focused on the fuel efficiency of their cars, they sometimes forget the huge carbon foot print of their homes,” said Jared Blum, President of PIMA. “Homes use 20 percent of our nation’s energy and account for roughly one-fifth of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions. Code officials have a unique opportunity in September to make a significant difference in how we build homes for the future.”

The resolution also encourages mayors to send their maximum allowable ICC delegation to Minneapolis to **vote** for “The 30% Solution.”

PIMA, the Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association, is an active member of the Energy Efficient Codes Coalition, a broad alliance of energy efficiency advocates united to achieve the goal of a 30% improvement in residential energy efficiency in the 2009 International Codes published by the International Code Council (ICC).

Calls for a stronger energy code – on the order of 30 percent or beyond – have come from a growing number of highly respected governmental and other bodies, including members of **Congress** and the **EPA/DOE National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency, ASHRAE, Western Governors’ Association, U.S. Department of Energy, Architecture 2030, National Petroleum Council, American Institute of Architects, and Mayors for Climate Protection.**

The following mayors sponsored the resolution:

- The Honorable Will **Wynn** (**Austin, TX** – *lead sponsor and Chair of USCM Energy Committee*),
- Mark **Begich** (**Anchorage, AK**), Michael **Belsky** (**Highland Park, IL**),
- David **Berger**, (**Lima, OH**),
- Michael **Bloomberg** (**New York City, NY**),
- Marty **Blum** (**Santa Barbara, CA**),
- James **Brainard** (**Carmel, CA**),
- Roy **Buol** (**Dubuque, IA**),
- Kevin **Burns** (**North Miami, FL**),
- Martin **Chavez** (**Albuquerque, NM**),
- Robert **Cluck** (**Arlington, TX**),
- Dan **Coody** (**Fayetteville, AR**),
- David **Coss** (**Santa Fe, NM**),
- Manuel **Diaz** (**Miami, FL** – *Chair, US Conf of Mayors*),

- Heather Fargo (**Sacramento, CA**),
- Adrian Fenty (**Washington, DC**),
- Shirley Franklin (**Atlanta, GA**),
- Patrick Hays (**North Little Rock, AR**),
- John Hickenlooper (**Denver, CO**),
- Elizabeth Kautz (**Burnsville, MN**),
- Scott Lang (**New Bedford, CT**),
- Brenda Lawrence (**Southfield, MI**),
- Tom Leppert (**Dallas, TX**),
- Gene Marks (**Northbrook, IL**),
- Thomas Menino (**Boston, MA**),
- Larry Nelson (**Waukesha, WI**),
- Gavin Newsom, (**San Francisco, CA**),
- Thomas O'Grady (**North Olmsted, OH**),
- David Pope (**Oak Park, IL**),
- Tom Potter (**Portland, OR**),
- Laurel Prussing (**Urbana, IL**).

About PIMA

For 20 years, the Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association (PIMA) has served as the unified voice of the rigid polyiso industry proactively advocating for safe, cost-effective, sustainable and energy efficient construction. PIMA's members, who first came together in 1987, include a synergistic partnership of polyiso manufacturers and industry suppliers. Polyiso is one of the Nation's most widely used and cost-effective insulation products available.

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