



**Pedro E. Segarra
Mayor**

**POSITIVE FIRST TRIP TO WASHINGTON
MAYOR SEEKS TO OPEN LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITH KEY
LEADERS
TO BENEFIT HARTFORD'S GROWTH**

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(December 2, 2010)--- Mayor Pedro E. Segarra is invigorated and inspired after his first trip to Washington D.C. as the CEO of Connecticut's Capital City. He, along with Chief Operating Officer David Panagore, met with members of the State's Congressional Delegation along with members of the Obama Administration earlier this week to establish positive relationships and build bridges that will benefit the City of Hartford over the next several years.

"It is essential that we have clear and open lines of communication. I want to have an open dialogue to discuss current resources that are available and also find out how the City can improve upon its grant application process. I understand the difficult economic and political climate in our nation's capital but it is important to obtain the best information so that Hartford has a competitive edge," said Mayor Segarra.

Mayor Segarra met with housing, education, and transportation officials to discuss top priorities including jobs and economic development, Coltsville, Albany Avenue, iQuilt, and the HUB of Hartford.

"I am very appreciative of the funding that Hartford has received so far and also humbled by the wonderful and positive feedback I am receiving about Hartford's progress," said the Mayor who will be returning to Washington D.C. next month to attend the U.S. Conference of Mayors.