



Pedro E. Segarra
Mayor

U.S. MAYORS FOCUS ON JOBS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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(January 21, 2011) --- Mayor Pedro E. Segarra returned from Washington D.C and the U.S. Conference of Mayors confident that Hartford is doing all the right things to get our economy on track.

“Job creation is the number one priority--- especially in urban areas where the unemployment rate is so high. Hartford is making all the right investments by improving education and focusing on job training. We must increase opportunities for our youth and for our businesses to grow and prosper and hire people again. We also must supply an educated workforce who is prepared to take on diverse tasks,” said Mayor Segarra.

The City of Hartford received national recognition for its Arts and Heritage Jobs Grant Program-- a more than \$2.2 million investment to retain, create and expand employment opportunities in Hartford’s cultural community. The City also achieved a \$20,000 DollarWISE Innovation Grant to assist in the hiring of a fulltime financial education coordinator who will pilot a comprehensive program at Burr Community School that can be duplicated citywide.

Mayor Segarra left the conference early--- including the opportunity for Mayors to have breakfast with President Obama--- so that he could be back in Hartford to monitor the snowstorm clean-up procedures.

“I thoroughly enjoyed sharing ideas and best practices with my fellow mayors from around the country. What works in other cities could be implemented here at home, but true success will only be achieved through a collaboration of partners in government, business, and the community,” said Mayor Segarra.

Photos from the conference:

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