



PEDRO E. SEGARRA
MAYOR

MAYOR CONGRATULATES AEG/XL CENTER ON BEING A TOP WORLD VENUE DEMONSTRATES HARTFORD IS A CHOICE DESTINATION

NEWS AND COMMUNITY STATEMENT

(October 14, 2011)--- Hartford Mayor Pedro E. Segarra today congratulated AEG Management CT LLC, the managers of the XL Center, on receiving a noteworthy distinction and for their impressive sports and entertainment line-up through 2012. The XL Center made Pollstar's list of Top 100 Venues in the world.

“Major attractions are choosing Hartford to showcase a wide variety of music, sports, and other spectacular entertainment because Hartford means business. When people come to enjoy these events, our restaurants, hotels, parking lots and garages, and local shops, we all benefit. When there's a big event in Downtown Hartford, about \$750,000 is injected back into our local businesses and hotels. Congratulations to Chuck Steedman, AEG and all our friends at the XL Center. Your hard work and tremendous accomplishments are helping Hartford grow and prosper and we thank you for being a dedicated and committed partner,” said Mayor Segarra.

Some big events to look forward to this season include:

- 1) The defending NCAA National Champions, UCONN Men's Basketball team;
- 2) The defending BIG EAST and 7-time National Champions, UCONN Women's Basketball team;
- 3) The Connecticut Whale;
- 4) Katy Perry: California Dreams Tour;
- 5) Hot 93.7 Presents: Jingle Jam 2011;
- 6) Disney on Ice: 100 Years of Magic
- 7) The Original Harlem Globetrotters
- 8) Michael Jackson: The IMMORTAL World Tour by Cirque du Soleil.

Through its new Marketing, Entertainment and Cultural Affairs (MECA) Division, Hartford is working to showcase the strength of the City's world-renowned arts, heritage, and entertainment venues.