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BARRETT TO PARTICIPATE ON WHITE HOUSE PANEL
Roundtable Discussion Will Focus on Sustainability and Green Jobs

MILWAUKEE - Mayor Tom Barrett will participate in a White House-Emerald Cities Collaborative (ECC)-White House panel entitled "Green Cities: An Urban Strategy for a Sustainable Future" in Washington D.C. on January 18th. The event will feature Mayors from across the United States that have embraced the mission of the ECC and taken a leadership role in growing sustainable regional economies.

Mayor Barrett will discuss local sustainability efforts, energy efficiency initiatives and green job creation. "I'm pleased to have the opportunity to participate in an open discussion with other mayors about the strategies, opportunities and challenges we all face in creating an alignment of economic and environmental interests," Mayor Barrett said.

In addition to select U.S. Mayors, the conference will be attended by HUD Secretary Donovan, Labor Secretary Solis and high-level representatives from the White House Council on Environmental Quality, Department of Energy and leaders from business, labor, Congress, national foundations and environmental groups.

The panel discussion will focus on recognizing mayors that demonstrate leadership in growing clean energy economies by providing a national stage to increase exposure of the best green practices and challenges faced at the mayoral level.

"This conference will not only strengthen federal-urban partnerships, but it will also generate momentum and awareness for increasing green strategies in other metropolitan areas," Mayor Barrett said.