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City of Cincinnati Official to Meet with White House on Stimulus

Assistant City Manager Scott Stiles is one of a select group of city government representatives from across the country heading to the White House on Wednesday to meet on the implementation and oversight of funds released through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Organized through the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the trip is designed to bring together Earl Devaney, Chair of Recovery Act Transparency and Accountability Board, representatives of federal agencies and representatives of local jurisdictions receiving monies to learn more about the guidelines being developed around using federal stimulus dollars. It is the second week in a row that City of Cincinnati officials have been in Washington meeting on the stimulus.

Mayor Mark Mallory and City Manager Milton Dohoney, Jr. were in DC last week to meet with the White House and the Cincinnati Legislative Delegation about the City's 2010 Federal Budget requests. At the meetings, they also continued on-going discussions accessing Federal Stimulus Funding to create jobs in Cincinnati. Upon his return, the Mayor asked the Administration to name a "czar" to oversee the stimulus funding process; Dohoney named Stiles.

Stiles will fly to D.C. for a Tuesday evening working session with the other city representatives to discuss common issues among the local governments that need to be raised in the Wednesday meetings with federal officials.

"We will continue to aggressively pursue as much stimulus funding as possible for the City of Cincinnati," Mayor Mallory said. "The funding will create jobs in Cincinnati by jump starting important community projects throughout the city."

Mayor Mark Mallory received the invitation issued by Vice President Joseph Biden, who, at the request of President Obama, has been asked to oversee the ARRA implementation.

“We are honored that the City of Cincinnati is participating in the stimulus funding implementation at this level,” said City Manager Milton Dohoney. “We know that every city doesn’t get a seat at this meeting. Coupled with the work we are doing with our state representatives and lobbyists, I think we are doing all we can to bring our share of the stimulus money back to Cincinnati.”

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