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City of Erie honored by DuPont and The U.S. Conference of Mayors in 2008 *Lead-Safe...For Kids Sake* Grant Program

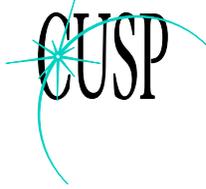
ERIE (June 19, 2008) – DuPont, through its Cities United for Science Progress (CUSP), partnership with The U.S. Conference of Mayors, today announced that Mayor Joseph Sinnott and the City of Erie is an Award of Distinction, second place winner of the 2008 *Lead-Safe...for Kids' Sake* grant program, given to communities for proposing and/or demonstrating excellence in implementing effective solutions to make their communities lead-safe.

The grant submitted by the City of Erie will utilize the \$50,000 grant award for their Lead-Conscious Landlord (LCL) program. The LCL program will provide free lead-safe worker practice certification classes for up to 250 landlords of rental units in a designated economically distressed target area within the city. To encourage landlords in the impoverished area to participate in making their rental units lead-safe, the city's Lead Hazard control program, with assistance of these grant dollars, will offer up to 40 landlords, \$1,000 toward their share of remediation costs.

Erie is one of four winners to be announced during a ceremony at The U.S. Conference of Mayor's 76th Annual Meeting.

Since its inception in 2002, DuPont, through CUSP, has awarded The U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) member cities nearly \$4.5 million to help make America's cities lead-safe. The 2008 award-winning cities represent the very best and most innovative ideas that help make the nation's communities lead-safe.

Mayor Sinnott stated, "I am very pleased to accept this award on behalf of The City of Erie. I would like to thank DuPont and The U.S. Conference of Mayors for their continued dedication toward the fight against childhood lead poisoning. We are honored to have been selected as a 2008 Lead-Safe for Kids' Sake Grant recipient. Please know that these funds will be used to create a healthier and safer living environment for children residing in low-income, inner-city rental units and will assist us in continuing the revitalization of Erie." Mayor Sinnott continued,



“We are committed to the children and families in Erie. Eliminating lead poisoning is a top priority for my administration.”

USCM Executive Director, J. Thomas Cochran added, "We thank DuPont for joining with us to make our cities lead-safe. Public-private partnerships, such as CUSP, are critical to making our cities the strong and vibrant places they can be. DuPont and The U.S. Conference of Mayors are proud of the award-winning cities and look forward to following their example as they develop and maintain lead-safe programs in their communities."

DuPont and the CUSP partnership visit cities across the country to assist mayors in creating healthier, safer and economically vibrant cities through science-based solutions. “We at DuPont are honored to present the *Lead-Safe...For Kids’ Sake* Grant Program,” remarked Mary Kate Campbell, DuPont’s Public Affairs Manager. “These award winning cities exemplify the type of innovative thinking that is necessary to make our cities lead-safe and to ensure a brighter tomorrow for our children. I also commend Erie on their winning proposal.”

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