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***Hollywood Named Finalist for Awards for Municipal Excellence
Economic Development Roundtable and Summer Youth Program Recognized***

HOLLYWOOD, FL – The National League of Cities (NLC) and CH2M HILL announced that Hollywood, FL is a Finalist for the 2006 Awards for Municipal Excellence. The Awards for Municipal Excellence recognize outstanding programs that have significantly contributed to the quality of life in their city. This year, cities and towns from 38 states and Washington, DC sent in nominations.

"Hollywood has demonstrated its leadership and creativity and is being recognized as a Finalist for the Awards for Municipal Excellence for two of its programs," said Don Borut, NLC's Executive Director. "Hollywood's Economic Development Roundtable and its Summer Youth Program are illustrative of the type of projects that are improving the lives of residents in cities and towns across the country."

Nominated programs have been judged on the following criteria: successful public-private partnership ventures; productive citizen and community collaborations; effective management of municipal resources (public or private); innovative government policies; project implementation with tangible results; and/or the ability to replicate the project in other cities.

"We have been involved with the National League of Cities for years and have both given and received many creative ideas while attending the conferences and networking," said Hollywood Mayor Mara Giuliani. "We are pleased that two of our outstanding new programs are finalists for this prestigious award and that we can share the information to allow our colleagues across America to replicate them."

In addition to giving superior projects the recognition they deserve, the Awards for Municipal Excellence serve to highlight programs that other cities can replicate. For instance, the 2005 Silver Winner, Des Moines' "It Started with Pots" city beautification program, provided the inspiration for a similar program in Lexington, Ky.



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"As a global leader in full-service engineering, construction and operations, CH2M HILL endeavors to deliver innovative, yet practical, solutions to our clients," said Howlie Davis, CH2M HILL Senior Vice President for State and Local Government Affairs. "We applaud the work of our municipal leaders as they follow a similar path of innovation, resulting in a brighter future for their citizens."

The winners of the 2006 Awards for Municipal Excellence will be announced at the National League of Cities' Congress of Cities and Exposition in Reno, Nev., December 5-9, 2006.

In 1989, NLC partnered with CH2M HILL to create a recognition program, naming the awards the James C. Howland Awards for Urban Enrichment. It honored a founding partner and chief executive officer of CH2M HILL, James C. Howland. Today, the Awards for Municipal Excellence continues on the tradition of this prestigious recognition program. Detailed information about the Awards for Municipal Excellence can be found on the NLC website at www.nlc.org and future features in *Nation's Cities Weekly*.

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