



THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

1620 EYE STREET, NORTHWEST
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006
TELEPHONE (202) 293-7330
FAX (202) 293-2352
URL: www.usmayors.org

Date: January 14, 2010

To: The Mayor

From: Tom Cochran, CEO and Executive Director

We were informed in a Homeland Security Department conference call this afternoon that the State Department has set up a system to document all offers of aid for Haiti from local and state governments so that they can be properly utilized as the disaster response effort progresses.

Any offers of aid which your city wants to make should be emailed to helphaiti@state.gov. To help in their processing, the subject line of your email should begin "Donation of" followed by a brief description of what you are offering.

Today, civic groups, businesses, and individuals are being asked to submit their offers of donations to the Center for International Disaster Information at <http://www.cidi.org>.

The White House reports that it is continuing to receive offers of aid directly; it is compiling them and sending them to USAID, which, as you know, is heading up the overall U.S. relief effort. Local and state governments are being asked to document offers of aid made locally so that they can be accessed as specific needs in Haiti are identified. You are invited to notify the White House if you believe you need help in documenting aid offers. As always your contact in the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs is David Agnew at [David P. Agnew@who.eop.gov](mailto:David.P.Agnew@who.eop.gov).

Homeland Security Assistant Secretary Juliette Kayyem, who moderated today's conference call for local and state organizations, said the agency expects to schedule additional calls on a regular basis over the next several days.