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Mayor Jackson Leads a Delegation to Halifax, Nova Scotia *Cleveland Port seeks more maritime business via Halifax Port*

CLEVELAND – On Wednesday, July 15, 2009, Mayor Frank G. Jackson will lead a delegation to Halifax, Nova Scotia to discuss collaboration between the Cleveland Port Authority and the Port of Halifax. The Port Authority is an important component to Mayor Jackson's overall strategy for developing and cultivating economic development opportunities in the global marketplace for Cleveland and Northeast Ohio. The delegation will meet with several Halifax government and port officials.

The City of Cleveland's competitive advantage of location on Lake Erie and a well-developed logistics infrastructure is very attractive to global businesses and is part of Mayor Jackson's overall strategy for business growth. "We're hopeful that a mutually beneficial relationship will develop between our two ports," said Mayor Jackson. "We are the world's gateway to the Midwest and we are open for business."

Cleveland Port President Adam Wassermann added, "Cleveland combines waterborne cargo transportation with access to a world-class road, rail and air infrastructure into Midwest markets. Partnering with ports in Canada we can encourage businesses to consider a St Lawrence Seaway route connecting to many key destinations in Europe, Asia and Africa.."

Among those in the delegation for this day and a half trip are Steven Williams, Chair of the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority Board of Directors and Chairman & CEO of Elsons International; Ronald DeBarr, President and CEO of the Northeast Ohio Trade and Economic Consortium; Ronald B. Richard, President & CEO, The Cleveland Foundation; Robert Noble, The Consulate General of Canada, Detroit, Michigan; John Baker, President of the International Longshoreman's Association, Local 1317; Adam Wasserman, President & CEO, Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority; and Patrick Coyle, Maritime Director, Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority.

This latest trade mission is a continuation of Mayor Jackson's international business development efforts, which began in the spring of 2008.