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*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

**Russian Young Political Leaders to Visit Salt Lake City;
Delegates to Meet with Government, Business and Civic Leaders**

SALT LAKE CITY – From May 5-9, 2007, six young political leaders from Russia will visit Salt Lake City as part of a twelve day political exchange program organized by the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL). Composed of delegates from across the Russian political spectrum, the delegation kicked off its program with meetings and briefings in Washington, D.C. and will arrive in Salt Lake City on the heels of stops in Saint Louis and Jefferson City, Missouri. While in Salt Lake City, the delegation will be hosted by Utah State Senator Scott McCoy, D-Salt Lake, Steve Barth, a former state legislator and current president of SB Strategies, a political consulting firm, and Maura Carabello, a managing partner at the Exoro Group, a full-service communications consulting and public relations firm. All are alumni of ACYPL exchanges and recipients of ACYPL's 2005 Gary L. McPherson Award for Distinguished Service.

One of the very few organizations with which the former Soviet Union agreed to conduct political exchanges during the height of the Cold War, ACYPL welcomed the first Soviet ACYPL delegation to the United States in May 1971. U.S. and Russian alumni of this exchange program include U.S. Senate Majority Leader Dick Durbin, D-Ill., U.S. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., U.S. House Majority Whip James E. Clyburn, D-S.C., U.S. Under Secretary of State Paula J. Dobriansky, President Bush's special envoy for Sudan, Andrew Natsios; First Lady of Ukraine Katherine Chumachenko Yushchenko; Russian Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Trade Andrei Sharonov and Russian State Duma Member Andrei Kokoshin.

Who: Young political leaders from across the Russian political spectrum, including:

- **Ms. Marina Chashchina** (United Russia Party) - Aide to the Governor, Sverdlovskaya
- **The Honorable Sergey Fadeyev** (Yabloko) - Deputy of the Kaluga Regional Duma
- **Mr. Oleg Kruglov** (United Russia Party) – Party Secretary, Ekaterinburg
- **The Honorable Mikhail Malahovskiy** (United Russia Party) - Mayor of the City of Ahtubinsk
- **Ms. Larisa Shkondina** (SPS - Union of Rightist Forces) - Deputy of the Samara City Duma
- **Mr. Dmitry Vishnyakov** (Escort) - Chairman of the Muskie Club, Moscow

What: Program highlights include:

- Meetings with state and local government officials from both major political parties, such as Governor Jon Huntsman, Jr., R-Utah, Attorney General Mark Shurtleff, R-Utah, Senate President John L. Valentine, R-Orem, House Speaker Greg J. Curtis, R-Salt Lake City, and Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon, D-Salt Lake City.
- A private roundtable discussion on media and politics with journalists from media outlets based in Salt Lake City.
- Visiting Park City and the headquarters of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints as well as Welfare and Temple Squares.

When: May 5-9, 2007

Why: The purpose of this program is to:

- Expose the delegates to the American political system at the national, state and local levels.
- Give the delegates a new perspective on American culture.

- Allow the delegates to engage in dialogue on international issues and forge professional relationships with their American counterparts.

About The American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL)

Recognized by the U.S. Congress as a pre-eminent catalyst for introducing rising political leaders and policy makers to international affairs and to each other, the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) is a bi-partisan, not-for-profit international exchange organization based in Washington, DC. Since its founding in 1966, ACYPL has conducted programs and exchanges with more than 90 nations, producing a global network of several thousand alumni. Former ACYPL participants include 38 sitting members of the U.S. Congress, 6 sitting U.S. governors and ambassadors, cabinet ministers and parliamentarians around the globe. For more information on ACYPL, please visit <http://www.acypl.org>.

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