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CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY TRUSTEE DR. RICHARD L. TOLLIVER ATTENDS INTERNATIONAL FORUM

Chicago State University (CSU) Trustee, Rev. Richard L. Tolliver, Ph.D., will travel to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on Sunday, January 24 – Tuesday, January 26, 2010, for the invitation-only Quintin Primo Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority Global Competitiveness Forum at The Kingdom Center-Four Seasons. This annual meeting will assemble distinguished international business, political and intellectual leaders, as well as top journalists.

“This Forum will bring together some of the world's most successfully competitive people from diverse fields,” said CSU Vice Chairman Dr. Richard L. Tolliver. “I am honored to participate in an event dedicated to helping the local and international economic community.”

Rev. Tolliver was invited along with other guests to raise awareness and enthusiasm around competitive challenges at this fourth annual event. According to the Global Competitiveness Forum Web site, this year’s theme “Sustainable Competitiveness” is being unanimously accepted as the ideal way to symbolize 2010 as the start of a new decade of thinking. The conference panelists and guests will critically evaluate competitiveness theory and practice as related to international trade, regional development, foreign direct investment, environment, innovation, globalization and the micro and macro-economic consequences of becoming globally competitive.

Other Forum attendees include Tony Blair, former prime minister of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; John Chambers, chairman and CEO, Cisco Systems; Michel Dell, founder and CEO, Dell Inc.; Dennis M. Nally, chairman PricewaterhouseCoopers; James Wolfensohn, former president, The World Bank; James Turley, chairman and CEO, Ernst & Young; and Nicolas Hayek, chairman and delegate of the Board, The Swatch Group.
Rev. Tolliver is the Pastor for St. Edmond’s Episcopal Church located at 6105 South Michigan Ave in Chicago IL. He has served parishes in New York City, Boston and Washington, D.C. He became rector (pastor) of St. Edmund’s Episcopal Church, Chicago, Ill. in June 1989. Tolliver serves or has served on numerous church, civic and corporate boards. A few include the board of directors, Hyde Park Bank of Chicago, board of trustees, Chicago State University, Board of Trustees, The Ravinia Festival, board of trustees, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill., and Advisory Boards to the Chicago Community Trust and the Art Institute of Chicago. He has earned five university degrees, including a Ph.D. in Political Science from Howard University. In November 1990, He founded the St. Edmund’s Redevelopment Corporation (SERC), a not-for-profit community development corporation devoted to revitalizing the housing stock of Washington Park, the neighborhood in which the church is located.