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Mayor Glover participates in White House talks on manufacturing

Mayor Cedric Glover spent today at the White House as part of the "Mayors Panel on Promoting Local Manufacturing Competitiveness" – a series of discussions led by Department of Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx.

In addition to Secretary Foxx, Valerie Jarrett, Senior Advisor to President Obama, and several other White House staff members are scheduled to meet with this group of distinguished mayors from across the country.

The goal for this panel is to let these elected officials share ideas for creating competitive regions to attract manufacturing; demonstrate how local elected officials leverage their relationships across business, education and government to ensure a competitive environment to attract new manufacturers to their communities; and show steps that can be taken immediately to boost their community's ability to attract manufacturers.

Mayor Glover was joined on his panel, which was moderated by Secretary Foxx, by Virg Bernero, Mayor of Lansing, Mich., Dayne Walling, Mayor of Flint, Mich., and Paula Brooks, Commissioner of Franklin County, Ohio.

There have been some positive, manufacturing-related announcements in Northwest Louisiana in this year, most notably the September groundbreaking of Bentler Steel/Tube on a hot-rolling seamless steel tube mill at the Port of Caddo-Bossier. The \$975 million project is Bentler's first manufacturing facility in the United States.

Last month, Libbey Glass announced it will invest \$20 million in its Shreveport manufacturing site, including the addition of a new research and development component. The move is expected to create 70 new jobs.

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