News Release

For Immediate Release  June 24, 2011
Contact: Anne Kolton (202) 249-6500
Email: anne_kolton@americanchemistry.com

ACC WELCOMES PRESIDENT’S MANUFACTURING INITIATIVE
Dow CEO Picked to Help Lead Effort to Foster Technology Development and Job Creation

WASHINGTON, D.C. (June 24, 2011) – American Chemistry Council President and CEO Cal Dooley issued the following statement in response to the announcement of President Obama’s Advanced Manufacturing Partnership:

“America’s chemistry industry welcomes President Obama’s initiative to maintain our nation’s leadership in bringing transformative technologies and products to the world. American chemistry is the source of nearly every manufacturing breakthrough – from nanotechnology, advanced materials, robotics, genomics and energy efficiency – that has helped make life healthier, safer and more sustainable. We are pleased that President Obama has recognized the essential role that chemical manufacturers will play in fulfilling his vision by naming Andrew Liveris, Chairman, President and CEO of The Dow Chemical Company, to lead this important effort.

“In particular, we are encouraged by the President’s focus on industrial energy efficiency and the effort to move advanced materials to market more quickly - a goal that will only be possible if we have an updated, sound and efficient federal chemical regulatory system in place. We look forward to working with the Advanced Manufacturing Partnership to ensure America remains the world’s leader in developing the technologies and in manufacturing the products that will transform our lives and our economy.”

# # #

http://www.americanchemistry.com

The American Chemistry Council (ACC) represents the leading companies engaged in the business of chemistry. ACC members apply the science of chemistry to make innovative products and services that make people’s lives better, healthier and safer. ACC is committed to improved environmental, health and safety performance through Responsible Care®, common sense advocacy designed to address major public policy issues, and health and environmental research and product testing. The business of chemistry is a $720 billion enterprise and a key element of the nation’s economy. It is one of the nation’s largest exporters, accounting for ten cents out of every dollar in U.S. exports. Chemistry companies are among the largest investors in research and development. Safety and security have always been primary concerns of ACC members, and they have intensified their efforts, working closely with government agencies to improve security and to defend against any threat to the nation’s critical infrastructure.