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The Metropolitan Revolution **by Bruce Katz and Jennifer Bradley released today**

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Power in the United States is shifting to cities and metropolitan areas from Washington and state capitals. In a new book, *The Metropolitan Revolution: How Cities and Metros are Fixing our Broken Politics and Fragile Economy*, Bruce Katz and Jennifer Bradley discuss many of the transformative initiatives that constitute this “metropolitan revolution.” The book is accompanied by an iPad app, which brings examples of the revolution to life with animations, video interviews, and interactive infographics.

“In the absence of Washington leadership, cities and metros are stepping up and doing the hard work to grow jobs and make their communities more prosperous,” said Bruce Katz, Brookings vice president, Metropolitan Policy Program founding director, and book co-author. “They are investing in infrastructure, making manufacturing a priority, linking small businesses to global markets, and equipping workers with the skills they need.”

The revolution is taking root in **New York City**, which has attracted world-class universities to power a new tech-driven economy; in **Portland, Oregon**, which is selling the “sustainability” solutions it has perfected to other cities around the world; in **Northeast Ohio**, where philanthropy and business are helping small manufacturers retool their facilities for new products and new markets; in **Houston**, where a modern network of settlement houses helps immigrants climb the employment ladder; in **Miami**, where innovators are forging strong ties with Brazil and other nations; in **Denver** and **Los Angeles**, where leaders are reaching across political and jurisdictional barriers and building state-of-the-art transit; and in **Boston** and **Detroit**, where innovation districts are both reshaping the economy and repopulating the city centers.

Katz and Bradley explain that *every* metro can form its own network, declare its distinctive vision, and find the game changer necessary to move its economy forward.

“Our cities and metro areas are resilient, creative, and rich in leadership,” said Jennifer Bradley, Brookings fellow and book co-author. “The top 100 metropolitan areas are home to two-thirds of our population and generate three-quarters of our GDP. In the wake of the Great Recession, the ‘metropolitan revolution’ offers the promise of more jobs, better jobs, and more accessible jobs in communities throughout the country.”

The *Metropolitan Revolution* iPad app allows users to hear from government, business, university, and philanthropic leaders from metropolitan areas discussed in the book. It includes animated features that summarize the book’s key principles visually. Users can also learn more about how their own communities compare to metros around the country. The app will be updated over time with additional stories and examples of metropolitan innovation.

Bruce Katz is a vice president at the Brookings Institution and founding director of its Metropolitan Policy Program. He regularly advises federal, state, regional, and municipal leaders on the emerging “next economy” and on new forms of metropolitan governance. Katz is also a keen observer of the city as art, from Fritz Lang’s “Metropolis” to Italo Calvino’s “Invisible Cities.” Katz is a graduate of Brown University and Yale Law School and a visiting professor at the London School of Economics. Follow him on Twitter at www.twitter.com/bruce_katz.

Jennifer Bradley is a fellow at the Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program where she examines the critical role of metropolitan areas in the country’s economy, society, and politics. A former attorney, she co-authored Supreme Court amicus briefs in cases that affirmed the constitutional powers of local governments. She has also written for numerous magazines. Bradley is a graduate of the University of Texas; Oxford University, which she attended as a Rhodes Scholar; and the Georgetown University Law Center. Follow her on Twitter at www.twitter.com/JBradley_DC.

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