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**BOSTON BOOK FESTIVAL
ANNOUNCES “ONE CITY, ONE STORY”**

**30,000 Copies of a Short Story by Established Boston Writer
to Be Distributed Free Citywide**

(BOSTON-June 9, 2010) Mayor Thomas M. Menino and Boston Book Festival Founding President Deborah Z Porter are pleased to announce One City, One Story, a new initiative of the Boston Book Festival (Oct. 16, 2010). With the generous support of the Goldhirsh Foundation, the Boston Book Festival will publish a short story by a well-known local writer, which will be distributed as a bound booklet to 30,000 Bostonians, free of charge. It will also be available for download to anyone at www.bostonbookfest.org. Festival organizers are finalizing their choice of writer, and his or her name will be announced sometime this summer.

Said Mayor Menino, “‘One City One Story’ is a wonderful idea for engaging many people in the joy of reading for pleasure and a great way to start a citywide conversation about a work of fiction. I am pleased to take part in this initiative for promoting reading in the city of Boston.”

Distribution will take place at Boston Public Library branches, subway stations and other places where people gather, in October, in advance of the Boston Book Festival. Complete details about distribution times and locations will be available after Labor Day.

Said Porter, “We love the idea of many thousands of people in Boston reading the same story and talking about it against the backdrop of the Boston Book Festival. The huge success of our inaugural Festival last year proved that Boston has a passion for reading. We want to explore this further by uniting the City around a single story and examining it from the many different perspectives that exist here.”

According to Boston Book Festival Executive Director Emily D’Amour Pardo, “We’ve wanted to do a program like this since the founding of the festival. We liked the booklet format used by the non-profit Brooklyn-based “One Story,” literary magazine. Once we secured generous funding from the Goldhirsh

Foundation, we decided to adopt it. The bound version will be beautiful, lightweight and easy to carry, and the online version will be available to as many people as want it.”

Plans are underway for appearances around town by the One City, One Story author leading up to and at the Boston Book Festival.

The highly anticipated second annual Boston Book Festival will take place on Oct. 16, 2010, in various locations around Copley Square. Author lineup, exact times and locations will be announced in the coming months.

The Boston Book Festival is produced by the non-profit organization of the same name, and is made possible with the generous support of sponsors and individual donors. For more information about the Boston Book Festival, visit www.bostonbookfest.org.

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