

Final Report

Honourable Iris Evans' Mission

Council of State Governments Midwestern Legislative Conference Annual Meeting

Indianapolis, Indiana

July 17-19, 2011

Overview:

The Honourable Iris Evans, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, participated in the 66th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Legislative Conference (CSG-Midwest) held in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mission Objectives:

The mission was undertaken to achieve a number of objectives:

1. Advance Alberta's important and growing role as a secure and responsible energy supplier.
2. Establish a formal link with the 11-state U.S. Midwest region, Alberta's number one trade partner.
3. Profile Alberta as a desirable partner for trade and investment and a strong supporter of greater economic co-operation with the U.S. Midwest.
4. Develop contacts with a broad range of U.S. legislators and decision makers who are influential on a regional and national basis.
5. Provide an opportunity to share Alberta's experience in dealing with significant economic challenges affecting the North American economy, as well as learn from the experiences of other jurisdictions.

Results:

The mission was successful in meeting each of these objectives. Alberta was officially recognized as the newest affiliate member of CSG-Midwest. The mission provided an opportunity to develop contacts with key state legislators in Alberta's top international market and to assure them of Alberta's continued commitment and capacity to serve as a secure, reliable, environmentally responsible supplier of energy to the U.S. Initiatives were undertaken to have decision makers from the region visit Alberta for first-hand exposure to the province's world-class attributes and opportunities.

Delegation:

Honourable Iris Evans

Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations