

Final Report

**Mission to Honolulu, Hawaii
Council of State Governments-*WEST* (CSG-*WEST*) Annual Meeting
July 29-August 3, 2011**

Overview:

Ty Lund, MLA Rocky Mountain House, and Dave Rodney, MLA Calgary-Lougheed, participated in the Council of State Governments-*WEST* (CSG-*WEST*) annual meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii, July 29-August 3, 2011.

Mission Objectives:

The mission was successful in meeting a number of objectives:

1. Promoted Edmonton to legislators as the host location of the 2012 CSG-*WEST* annual meeting.
2. Profiled Alberta as a desirable partner for trade and investment and a strong supporter of greater economic co-operation with the U.S.
3. Developed contacts with a broad range of U.S. legislators and decision makers who are influential on a regional and national basis.
4. Promoted strengthened Alberta-U.S. ties in a broad range of interests.

Results:

Edmonton was officially confirmed as the location for the 2012 CSG-*WEST* annual meeting, which will provide an opportunity to showcase the province, promote trade linkages, profile best practices, and demonstrate Alberta's role as a secure, reliable, and responsible energy supplier to the U.S.

Information on the Edmonton 2012 meeting was distributed and an Edmonton display booth in the trade show area staffed by Edmonton Economic Development Corporation provided more detailed information on the event and the city. Presentations took place to promote the Edmonton meeting during an Alberta reception night, the closing lunch, and the final Executive Committee meeting. These efforts were well received and delegates expressed their enthusiasm and commitment to attend the annual meeting in Edmonton.

Alberta's MLA representatives to CSG-*WEST* also took part in a variety of meetings relevant to the province's interests, including:

- Energy and Environment Committee – examined policies and developments in energy that met the unique needs of the state of Hawaii as all energy resources are imported. The session looked at what Hawaii is doing to become more energy independent and how its efforts could be used as models by mainland jurisdictions.

- Trade and Transportation Committee – reviewed the initiative by the U.S. government to double U.S. exports within five years. Discussion focused on how states can get involved in the process and reviewed potential markets worldwide.

Delegation:

Ty Lund
MLA, Rocky Mountain House

Dave Rodney
MLA, Calgary-Lougheed