

Final Report

**Minister Iris Evans' Mission to Washington, D.C.
Washington, D.C.
February 24-28, 2011**

Overview:

The Honourable Iris Evans, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, attended the annual National Governors Association (NGA) Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C., from February 24-28, 2011.

Mission Objectives:

The mission was successful in meeting a number of objectives:

1. Highlighted to governors Alberta's achievements in the energy sector. Profiled the province as a secure, reliable and responsible energy producer.
2. Reinforced existing and forged new relationships with U.S. governors, briefing them on Alberta-U.S. relations and setting the stage for future meetings and follow-up.
3. Profiled Alberta as a desirable partner for trade and investment and a strong supporter of greater economic co-operation with the U.S.
4. Promoted Alberta-U.S. ties in a broad range of interests.

Results:

The mission provided an opportunity to network with U.S. governors 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.

The annual NGA Winter Meeting attracts the majority of U.S. governors and offers an opportunity for both formal and informal interactions. Over the course of this year's program, Minister Evans had an opportunity to meet with over a dozen governors, building ties between Alberta and their respective states.

Minister Evans also met with a representative from the House Committee on Energy and Commerce to discuss the importance of Alberta energy resources to the U.S. and ways to expand Alberta's ties with the U.S. House of Representatives.

Minister Evans represented Alberta at a meeting convened by Canadian Ambassador Gary Doer regarding the Keystone XL Pipeline permitting process.

Delegation:

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