

## Final Report

**Premier Alison Redford's Mission to  
New York City and Washington, D.C.  
November 13-15, 2011**

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### **Overview:**

Undertaking her first international mission, Premier Alison Redford traveled to New York City and Washington, D.C., to meet and develop relationships with U.S. decision-makers and influencers in the financial and political capitals of Alberta's number one market. The mission provided an opportunity to tell a broader story about Alberta, allowing the Premier to build key relationships and deliver a balanced message concerning Alberta's commitment to serve as a secure, reliable and environmentally responsible supplier of energy to the U.S.

The mission was successful in meeting its objectives as outlined below.

### **Mission Objectives:**

1. Build recognition and understanding among key U.S. decision-makers and influencers that our collective economic and energy security will require both cleaner hydrocarbon and renewable sources of energy, and that Alberta will be a global leader in both.
2. Obtain first-hand intelligence and advice on U.S. economic and political developments that could substantially affect Alberta's economic interests.
3. Establish political and business ties with the influential U.S. Eastern Seaboard.

### **Results:**

The Premier met with top officials of the Energy and National Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, to discuss the recent Keystone XL pipeline project delay, the U.S. perspective on energy and environmental issues, and the possibility of developing an externship focusing on energy issues and/or the environment.

The Premier also met Canadian delegates to the World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank to discuss the possibility of Alberta externships with the two institutions.

The Canadian Embassy hosted a luncheon in honour of the Premier in which a number of key issues were explored, including the Keystone XL pipeline, U.S. political developments, and Canadian visa requirements for temporary foreign workers. Premier Redford took the opportunity to announce the recent launch of the Alberta government's Oil Sands Information Portal designed to enhance the transparency of oil sands development.

The Premier met with the U.S. State Department to obtain further information on the Keystone XL pipeline proposal supplementary review and the conclusion of the national interest determination phase. Premier Redford emphasized her intent to develop an all-inclusive energy and environmental approach to the oil sands.

Premier Redford spoke with and met with a variety of Members of Congress, including Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC), House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH), Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI), Rep. Gene Green (D-TX), Rep. John Shimkus (R-IL), Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC), Rep. Bob Latta (R-OH), Rep. Tim Griffin (R-AR), and Rep. Pete Olson (R-TX) to discuss a variety of energy security and economic issues.

In New York, the Premier met with the Centre for Court Innovation to explore preventative approaches to crime issues.

She also met with the Canadian Consul General in New York in regard to energy investment opportunities and upcoming events in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut that could provide an opportunity for Alberta to recruit workers. They also discussed Alberta's role in energy security in the wake of escalating security issues in the Middle East which had heightened calls for greater U.S. energy independence.

Throughout the mission, the Premier participated in a number of media events, including a press conference at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C., a live TV interview with Fox News and a roundtable with New-York based business reporters.

**Delegation:**

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Premier

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