

Final Report

Premier Stelmach's Mission to Texas

February 3-4, 2009

Government of Alberta ■

Overview:

Premier Ed Stelmach joined the Premiers of Saskatchewan and Manitoba in a joint mission to Texas from February 3-4, 2009, to reinforce the importance of Western Canada as a key market and secure source of energy. Texas represents Alberta's largest export market in the United States, and shares the responsibility with Alberta, of being one of North America's top energy jurisdictions.

Mission Objectives:

- Join fellow Premiers in demonstrating western Canada's commitment to the importance of trade and investment and strong Canada-US relations in the face of difficult economic times.
- Showcase Alberta as a desirable place to do business, in both traditional and new areas of opportunity.
- Build on December 2008 mission to Texas to identify or further clarify common interests, opportunities and challenges facing the twin pillars of North American energy.
- Demonstrate Alberta's commitment to responsible development of its world-scale, significant resources.

Results:

Houston

- The three provinces held a breakfast meeting with the Greater Houston Partnership business community where the Premier presented Alberta as the largest and most reliable source of energy to the United States. The Premier and his colleagues discussed the wealth of business opportunities available in western Canada and encouraged the Houston business community to engage with firms in the three provinces.
- Premiers Stelmach and Wall were featured guests to the Baker Institute's Energy Forum entitled "Canada: The United States' Largest Energy Supplier – *Opportunities and Challenges in the 21st Century.*" They discussed regional and global trends in energy and highlighted energy developments in Alberta and Saskatchewan.
- Premiers Stelmach and Wall were the keynote speakers at the International Forum of North American Prospect (Oil & Gas) Exhibition (NAPE) Convention. The Premier highlighted energy developments in Alberta and the continued opportunities for energy investments and business development.
- The Premier visited the Richard E. Smalley Nano Institute to follow-up his previous mission to the institute in December 2008 and toured the facilities.

Delegation:

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