

Final Report

Mission to CSG-West, Anchorage, Alaska
July 16-20, 2008



Overview:

MLAs Len Webber, Parliamentary Assistant of Energy, Ty Lund, and Len Mitzel represented Alberta at the 2008 Council of State Governments – West (CSG-West) Annual meeting in Anchorage, Alaska.

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

Mission Objectives:

Network with State Representatives and business leaders from western U.S. states and address issues of mutual interest.

- strengthen Alberta-U.S. ties
- participate in the meeting's newly-created North America Summit that focuses on building stronger Canada, U.S. and Mexico relations, and enhancing North America's competitive edge in the global market

Reassure U.S. political and business decision-makers of Alberta's continued commitment and capacity to serve as a secure, reliable and growing supplier of energy.

- reinforce with U.S. lawmakers Alberta's firm commitment to help meet the world's energy needs in an environmentally responsible way

Results:

MLA Len Webber represented Alberta on a panel in the North America Summit session regarding energy trends, initiatives and competitiveness. He highlighted Alberta's commitment and capacity to serve as a secure, reliable and growing supplier of energy in North America. He also profiled Alberta's \$4-billion investment in initiatives to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

MLA Lund moderated a transportation session in the North America Summit portion of the conference and participated in trade and transportation sessions throughout the rest of the meeting. He portrayed Alberta's success in developing infrastructure across the province to meet the demands created by the ramp-up in construction of oil sands plants.

MLA Mitzel participated in the North America Summit in sessions regarding border and trade corridor issues. He reiterated Alberta's interest and commitment to developing trade corridors with other partners in the region. In particular he emphasized Alberta's

north-south trade corridors with the western U.S. MLA Mitzel also participated in two sessions for elected officials on energy and the environment. He reinforced Alberta's position regarding climate change and control of carbon emissions.

Delegation:

Len Webber, MLA Calgary-Foothills
Ty Lund, MLA Rocky Mountain House
Len Mitzel, MLA Cypress-Medicine Hat