



CSG-WEST 65th Annual Meeting

Mark Your Calendar
July 20 - 23, 2012
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

“Western Frontiers – On the Edge of Innovation”

Experience authentic western Canadian hospitality as the Alberta government hosts the 65th CSG-WEST Annual Meeting July 20 to 23, 2012 in Edmonton, Alberta. As a committed associate member, Alberta looks forward to showing legislators how much our province has in common with western states. Delegates will meet with legislators from across the West, attend policy and professional development sessions, and see firsthand Alberta's innovative approaches to industry, education, transportation and research.

Experience Edmonton

Edmonton is Alberta's capital city, and it's also Canada's festival city. Edmonton is home to more than 30 festivals each year, including the Edmonton International Fringe Festival and Edmonton Folk Music Festival. Two festivals--Capital Ex and the Edmonton Indy--begin while delegates are here for the conference. Edmonton also boasts a magnificent river valley, a thriving arts and theatre district, and West Edmonton Mall, one of the world's largest shopping and entertainment complexes.

Accommodations

The conference will be held at The Westin Edmonton in the heart of downtown. Delegates can enjoy special negotiated guest room rates of \$149* for government and \$189* for non-government at the Westin. Or stay at the historic Fairmont Hotel Macdonald, a short block from the Westin, which offers a special rate of \$209*. Both hotels are just steps away from shopping, dining, and arts and entertainment.

*Single/double occupancy, quoted in Canadian dollars.



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2012 Preliminary Schedule

Thursday, July 19

Meeting Registration Opens

Friday, July 20

Opening Plenary Session

ALTA: Annual Legislative Training Assembly

North America Summit

Welcoming Reception at the Art Gallery of Alberta

Saturday, July 21

Western Legislative Conference Policy Forums

Lunch Plenary

Afternoon Policy Site Tours

Women in Politics Session

Free Evening

Sunday, July 22

Western Legislative Conference Policy Forums

Lunch Plenary

Evening at Fort Edmonton Park,

Canada's largest living history museum

Monday, July 23

Western Legislative Conference Policy Forums

Lunch Plenary

Executive Committee Meeting

Evening "Taste of Alberta"

at the historic Fairmont Hotel Macdonald

Policy Site Tours

Discover Alberta's spirit of innovation during a unique afternoon of substantive policy site tours on Saturday, July 21. Choose from sites that will showcase best practices and environmental responsibility in the areas of energy production, waste management, transportation, health care technology and more.* Planning is also underway for a full-day tour of Alberta's oil sands for Western legislators. Note: this tour is being planned for July 24, the day after the conference.

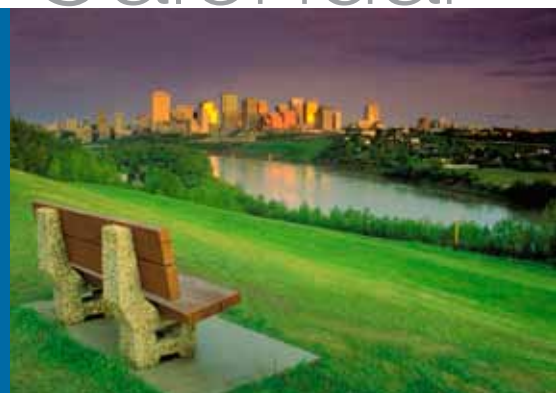
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Experience authentic western Canadian hospitality in Edmonton, Alberta's capital city, as the Alberta government hosts the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Council of State Governments-WEST (CSG-WEST). Proud to be the first Canadian associate member, the Government of Alberta, along with CSG-WEST, welcomes legislators from across the West as well as other guests and participants to come learn from each other as we address the challenges of our times.

As a nonpartisan, nonprofit association serving legislatures in the 13 western states, CSG-WEST offers opportunities for legislators and staff to share ideas and experiences to improve public policy. CSG-WEST also provides links to other elected political leaders throughout the region. The CSG-WEST annual meeting provides policy forums that strengthen legislative institutions through regional cooperation, and it offers sessions to strengthen the personal and professional skills of individual lawmakers.

So mark your calendar—and plan to see and share innovative approaches to industry, education, transportation, research and more.



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Reasons you should come to the 2012 CSG-WEST Annual Meeting in Edmonton, Alberta...

Work across borders to enhance your knowledge and exchange ideas through policy forums focused on current concerns including economic development, education, energy, international trade and the environment. Explore the evolving role of legislators in a changing world and consider more innovative approaches to developing critical policies.

Join other leading edge thinkers and legislators as they come together to learn from each other and discuss issues that cross state and provincial borders. Canada is critical to U.S. energy security and trade relations, and this is an excellent opportunity to obtain first-hand knowledge.

Experience Alberta innovation during a unique afternoon of policy tours on Saturday, July 21. Choose from sites showcasing best practices and environmental responsibility in the areas of energy production, waste management, transportation, health care technology and more.

Discover the real story about Alberta's oil sands during a full day trip to the Fort McMurray region. This tour is scheduled for July 24th, the day after the conference. Legislators will find it worth staying the extra day to see Alberta's oil sands, the world's third largest oil reserves.

Alberta-hosted Policy Tour Highlights Saturday Afternoon July 21, 2012

Alberta will offer policy tours showcasing best practices and environmental responsibilities in a number of areas. Choose from policy tours including:

Food Processing Development Centre

Participants will tour and see a presentation on this pilot plant and product development laboratory facility in the nearby city of Leduc. This fully equipped centre provides a research development facility for agri-food companies or those interested in non-food uses of agricultural products.

Edmonton Waste Management Centre (EWMC)

Delegates will tour North America's largest collection of modern, sustainable waste processing and research facilities. The 575-acre EWMC site has four areas of focus: technology development, research, education and training, and advisory services.

EPCOR Genesee 3 Supercritical Power Facility

Participants will tour this 450 MW supercritical power plant—the first of its kind in Canada. Supercritical technology is considered more reliable, efficient and environmentally friendly than conventional coal firing.

Alberta Industrial Heartland Association

At 225 square miles, Alberta's Industrial Heartland region is Canada's largest hydrocarbon processing region. This facility is home to more than 40 companies with over \$25 billion in investments. Delegates will visit the Industrial Heartland facility and see a presentation on the region.





Western Legislative Conference Policy Committees

In addition to keynote program sessions and other policy and professional development sessions, the policy committees below will convene forums that collaborate on significant issues of regional concern.

Western Economic Development

The Committee on Western Economic Development will focus on the growth of western state economies and the region as a whole. This forum will explore a variety of state approaches to expand and diversify state economies.

Education Committee

This forum will explore innovative programs and practices to achieve the best educational outcomes within the resources available to increase student readiness and prepare a future workforce for success.

Energy and Public Lands Committee

Sustainability of energy and the future stewardship of public lands are critical issues for the western region. The committee will explore policies that ensure the reliable generation and transmission of the West's energy resources as well as issues that challenge multiple use on the West's public lands.

Fiscal Affairs Committee

Chairs and members of appropriation committees in western legislatures will exchange ideas and experiences on issues affecting state budgets. Fiscal issues associated with the impact of recessions, state fiscal trends, pension reform, e-commerce, taxation, revenue forecasting and performance-based budgeting are among the topics this forum may address.

Future of Western Legislatures Committee

The Committee on the Future of Western Legislatures will continue its pursuit of best practices to promote strong and effective state legislatures. Members will consider good government and governance issues that affect the health of legislative institutions.

International Trade Committee

This forum will review how the evolving global economy and international trends affect urban and rural economies and state governments in the West. The International Trade Committee will look at the vital role state legislatures play in state international engagement—through their lawmaking function, oversight of state international programs and their unique effect on public opinion on important international issues.

Water and Environment Committee

This session will provide an opportunity to discuss growing and competing demands of western water and the environment—how to better manage water while maintaining the environmental integrity of the West's land, air and water. This committee collaborates with the Western Governors' Association, Western States Water Council and other organizations in an effort to develop a shared vision and regional strategies to address western water and environment concerns.





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More reasons to attend the 65th CSG-WEST Annual Meeting in Edmonton

WESTRENDS focuses on the implications for policy makers of the demographic, economic and cultural trends that are shaping western states. This forum provides opportunities to evaluate the direction and velocity of trends that affect the quality of life in the West through conversations with futurists and demographics.

The annual **North America Summit** offers a day of opportunities for western policy makers from Canada, the United States and Mexico to engage on critical issues facing the North American region.



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The **Annual Legislative Training Assembly** offers a day of high energy professional development for lawmakers at all stages of their careers.

Women in Politics is a time and place to share challenges and opportunities for women in state legislatures. Enjoy conversation during an early evening session for women and men who serve in the legislative arena.

For more information:

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Registration and accommodation information available soon at www.csgwest.org.




CSG-WEST 64th ANNUAL MEETING

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July 30 - August 2, 2011 • Honolulu, Hawaii

“HALAWAI: WHERE LEADERS GATHER”

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The Hawaiian outrigger canoe describes the voyage that we, as legislative leaders, embark upon to navigate these challenging and uncharted waters. The Hawaiians have a phrase - “Pupukahi I holomua” which means “unite to move forward.” This is the spirit of Hawaiian canoe paddlers who pull their paddles in unison to reach their destination.

Grab a paddle...

Imua! Let's go!



“Halawai: Where Leaders Gather”

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Friday, July 29

- Registration Opens

Saturday, July 30

- Opening Plenary Session: Where Leaders Gather
 - ALTA: Annual Legislative Training Assembly
 - Policy Forum to be announced
- Welcoming Reception: Sheraton Edge Pool, Sunset at the Beach

Sunday, July 31

- Western Legislative Conference Policy Forums
 - Lunch Plenary Session
- Hawaii State Event at the Royal Hawaiian

Monday, August 1

- Western Legislative Conference Policy Forums
 - Lunch Plenary Session
 - Free Evening

Tuesday, August 2

- Western Legislative Conference Policy Forums
 - Lunch Plenary Session
 - Executive Committee Meeting
- Luau at the Royal Hawaiian Coconut Grove

Venues/Accommodations

The program sessions (plenary, policy and training forums) will be convened at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel.

Special negotiated guest room rates range from:

- \$160 (government run-of-house rate) to \$200 (government rate for a guaranteed ocean front room).
- \$235 (non-government run-of-house rate) to \$250 (non-government rate for a guaranteed ocean front room).

63rd Annual Meeting

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September 11 - 14, 2010



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Pioneering New Frontiers

Please join the Idaho Legislature in September 2010 for the 63rd Annual Meeting of the Council of State Governments- *WEST* (CSG- *WEST*) in Sun Valley, Idaho.

Since its creation in 1936, Sun Valley has been one of the premier meeting and recreation destinations in the country. The climate offers long sunny days and bright starry nights, while nearby wilderness areas offer unparalleled recreational opportunities for your whole family.

"Pioneering New Frontiers," the theme for the 2010 annual meeting, reflects our desire to find new ways to work together to develop solutions to old problems, as well as to create new opportunities in the West.

Meeting topics include energy, leadership, natural resources, transportation, health, education, economics, trends and women in politics. We will collaborate on important regional issues and learn from one another and from a line-up of outstanding experts.

Polish you legislative skills in professional development sessions and take time to get acquainted (or reacquainted) with your colleagues. Best of all, don't miss this opportunity to share good ideas across state borders — all in the incomparable beauty of an early Sun Valley autumn.

Pioneering New Frontiers

September 11 - 14, 2010

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 11

- ▶ Opening Session
- ▶ Annual Legislative Training Assembly (ALTA)
- ▶ North America Forum III
- ▶ Welcoming Reception

Sunday, September 12

- ▶ Western Legislative Committee policy forums
- ▶ Lunch Plenary Session
- ▶ Scenic tour of Redfish Lake area — Individual choice: boat tour, hiking, fishing, biking, salmon hatchery tour
- ▶ Idaho State Event — River Run Lodge reception, gondola rides

Monday, September 13

- ▶ Plenary Sessions
- ▶ Western Legislative Committee policy forums
- ▶ WESTRENDS
- ▶ Women in Politics
- ▶ Free Evening

Tuesday, September 14

- ▶ Plenary Session
- ▶ Western Legislative Committee policy forums
- ▶ CSG-WEST Executive Committee Meeting
- ▶ Chair's Dinner (for all)



Venue / Accommodations

Programs will be held at Sun Valley in various locations throughout the resort. The government guest room rate is \$130, and the non-government room rate is \$189 per night, plus tax.

Complete information about registration, program schedules, accommodations and travel options will be available soon at www.csgwest.org.

