

THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS  
2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

La Quinta Resort & Club  
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday, November 12, 2009  
La Quinta, California

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

- 3:30 p.m. Welcome & Member Introductions
- 3:40 p.m. Review and Approval of the Committee's Meeting Summary from CSG's 2009 Spring Meeting in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
- 3:45 p.m. Update of International Program Activities
- CSG Mexico Programs  
*Senator Denise Ducheny, CA, Co-Chair, Border Legislative Committee (BLC)*
- State International Development Organizations (SIDO)  
*Mary Regal, International Trade Director, WI*
- International State Suggested Legislation (SSL)  
*Bill Voight, Council of State Governments SSL Committee*
- 4:15 p.m. Global Connections and State Recovery  
*Mr. Travis Sullivan, Director of Policy & Strategic Initiatives, U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of the Secretary*
- Trade has an important role to play in America's recovery. Collectively, states spend an estimated \$100 million on trade promotion – the federal government spends little over twice this amount. Combined, the U.S. is still being outspent on a per capita basis by our major trading partners such as Canada and most European countries by as much as 20-to-1. Elsewhere, major economic players are restructuring policy priorities to address serious export slumps – what can America do to help small companies survive and thrive? And what affect will this have on America's recovery? Gary Locke, former Governor of Washington and the new Secretary of Commerce has identified trade as a key element of America's revival, his Director of Policy and Strategic Initiatives, Travis Sullivan (invited) will join members and guests of the International Committee to discuss this view.*
- 5:00 p.m. Adjournment