



National Lieutenant Governors Association

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NLGA TO HELP STRENGTHEN STATES' ECONOMIC TIES WITH MEXICO

The National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) will participate in the Americas 2020 International Trade and Transportation Summit for U.S. and Mexico officials November 4 – 5, 2009. NLGA member Nevada Lt. Governor Brian Krolicki will speak on “Strengthening Economic Competitiveness” with an aim to identify “best practices” which may be replicated in cross border situations and to identify challenges which officials need to address in order to expand economic competitiveness.

“NLGA is a partner with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in a three-year U.S. – Mexico Economic Prosperity Partnership,” said NLGA Director Julia Hurst. “The Partnership will promote dialogue and cooperation among officials at the state and federal levels and educate officials on issues involving both Mexico and the United States regarding methods to promote economic development at the state level.” Through the partnership, NLGA will both seek out and initiate platforms of exchange.

“This project will, over time, engage lieutenant governors and Mexican officials, particularly at the state level, in addressing state concerns, promoting peer leadership development and exchange, and sharing best practices on trade, investment, tourism, and more,” said Hurst.

“The establishment of dialogue and personal networking between state level executive branch officials from the U.S. and officials from Mexico has potential to articulate shared needs and challenges which may yield progress in successful economic exchanges. Economic development efforts along the U.S. – Mexico border, which are stated, critical goals of both federal governments and to the U.S. states, can be enhanced through the expertise, knowledge, and information exchange that lieutenant governors can offer,” said Hurst.

USAID has provided economic and humanitarian assistance worldwide for more than 40 years. NLGA also maintains a collaborative relationship of exchange with the People’s Republic of China as part of economic development engagement by lieutenant governors.

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