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Nation's Lt. Governors to Debate Immigration, Farm Bill, Coal, & Health Care **Seeking State-Level Bi-partisan Leadership on Hottest Issues of the Day**

The nation's lieutenant governors will meet July 17 – 19, 2013, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for the Annual Meeting of the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA). Lieutenant governors from both parties and every region of the country will gather and strive to lead in helping find a bi-partisan path forward on the issues most impacting the states' constituents.

"The seconds-in-command of the states and territories are among the top leaders in the nation," said NLGA Executive Director Julia Hurst. "In an effort to find and model bi-partisan leadership to the benefit of the people in the states and territories, they will tackle immigration reform, state and territorial issues in the Farm Bill, health care reform, and energy issues, including coal and hydraulic fracturing,." Lieutenant governors will visit Moore, Oklahoma, and work with the town's Mayor following the EF5 tornado strike in May.

As part of the 2 ½ day meeting, lieutenant governors will hear from their peers who led response to tornadoes, storms, and man-made disasters, including the Newtown tragedy. Retired four-star General Tommy Franks will work with lieutenant governors challenging them to deepen their leadership preparation and skills. And, Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin, the incoming leader of the National Governors Association (NGA), will share insight from her gubernatorial experience and discuss what she sees on the horizon among governors of all states.

Two methods will be presented which leaders may draw on to make programmatic funding decisions in states. Other topics include school nutrition, assistance to veterans, renewable energy, and tribal affairs. The meeting agenda is www.nlga.us.

For more than 50-years, the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) has successfully convened lieutenant governors on a bi-partisan basis driving the agenda of the states and the nation forward. See www.nlga.us for information on lieutenant governors.