



National Lieutenant Governors Association

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National Lieutenant Governors Association Annual Meeting 2008

(Florence, KY) More than twenty of the nation's seconds-in-command will gather in Buffalo, New York, July 23 – 26, 2008. The National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) Annual Meeting will hold policy briefings and site visits to showcase ideas lieutenant governors may take back to their states. "Energy prices are rising, state revenues are shrinking, housing is in a slump, and state officials must innovate to balance budgets and meet the service needs of constituents," said NLGA Director Julia Hurst.

Meeting briefings on innovations and fiscal matters include an economic outlook forecast, managing the cost of chronic illness, the state of the steel industry, tourism and the arts, public-private partnerships in parks, and urban renewal. Conservation topics and site visits include wind energy development, a visit to urban windmills, the Dept. of the Interior water conservation project, and (*pending*) hybrid vehicle information. Preservation topics and site visits include turning a brownfield into a state park and continuation of Great Lakes policy work via a site visit.

Featured speakers and guests include New York Governor David Paterson, Delaware North Companies executive Jeremy Jacobs, U.S. Department of the Interior Dep. Secretary Lynn Scarlett, New York Assemblyman Robin Schimminger, New York Sen. George Maziarz, and other national and local leaders.

"New York, the 16th largest economy in the world, is an example of the essence of the office of lieutenant governor," said Hurst. "The state has a Governor who succeeded from the office of lieutenant governor just months before this meeting. Hearing the story of the New York gubernatorial succession will be an instructive governance opportunity."

NLGA members also file policy resolutions for consideration for adoption on a bi-partisan basis by their peers. Resolutions for consideration include the following:

- For Better Health Care for All
- Support Establishment of an International Education Policy
- Support of Children's Low Cost Laptops
- Support of a National Military Family Relief Fund
- For Arts: Ask for More
- In Support of Arts and Humanities Month

The NLGA Annual Meeting is expected to have an economic impact of \$480,000 on the Erie County area, as determined through IMPLAN economic modeling. NLGA is an entirely bi-partisan association with the mission to promote the effectiveness and efficiency of the office of lieutenant governor and those first in line of gubernatorial succession. Visit www.nlga.us for more information.

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