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LT. GOVERNORS TO MEET IN D.C. TO WORK ON JOBS ISSUES

(Kentucky) The seconds-in-command of the states and territories will gather in Washington D.C. March 17 - 20, 2015, to work on economic development. Peers from nearly half the states and territories will gather at the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) Federal and State Relations meeting for 2 ½ days of meetings focused on growing job opportunities, impacting public health, and promoting veterans aid.

“The seconds-in-command will have an opportunity to engage with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and to work with a Commissioner of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on energy prices,” said NLGA Director Julia Hurst. “This impacts all constituents and the price of energy impacts the ability of business owners to expand and offer more jobs.”

“Discussions with the U.S. Deputy Trade Ambassador will focus on how the states and territories may support small and mid-sized businesses in creating new markets overseas to grow business in the states,” said Hurst. “The officials will be visiting with high ranking and elected officials from Canada, Germany, the European Union, and a representative of Turkic nations.”

Transportation is an essential component of economic development and attendees will speak with civil engineers and financing experts on the future of financing and building vital infrastructure investments. They will also be briefed on workforce issues, specifically the future of community colleges and on a ratings system of all colleges due to be rolled out this Fall by the federal government.

“Transportation, education, energy costs, and creating new markets are essential for individuals and for business owners trying to expand job opportunities,” said Hurst.

The meeting will also present ideas on how to expand certain opportunities for veterans. And, the seconds-in-command will be working to contribute to better public health by bringing awareness to the value of clinical trials, especially to minority communities.

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