



## Chair's Letter

The past several months illustrate the Council of Great Lakes Governors' pivotal role in facilitating environmentally responsible economic growth in our region.



Wisconsin Governor  
Jim Doyle

On May 14, on behalf of the Council I hosted government and business leaders from the Great Lakes States and China in announcing more than \$20 billion in new economic partnerships.

These deals are the direct result of our States' business development efforts in China spearheaded by the Council's office in Shanghai.

On the environmental front, the Ontario Government led by Premier Dalton McGuinty recently enacted legislation making them the second jurisdiction to formally ratify the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement.

This agreement among the eight Great Lakes States, Ontario and Québec was developed through the Council. It will provide unprecedented protections for our region's greatest natural resource. I applaud Premier McGuinty and look forward to working with my fellow Governors as we similarly enact these protections in our States.

Through the Council, the Great Lakes Governors continue to set the pace in the global marketplace while protecting the world's largest single source of fresh water. We thank you for your role in our efforts.

—Jim Doyle  
Chair, Council of Great Lakes Governors  
Governor, State of Wisconsin



Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty and Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle at the Agreement signing on December 13, 2005.

## Ontario Acts to Protect the Great Lakes

On June 4, the Ontario Government, led by Premier Dalton McGuinty, enacted historic protections for the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River. The law implements the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement, which includes a ban on new or increased diversions of water from the Basin, with limited exceptions.

Premier McGuinty said, "Through its action, Ontario has reaffirmed its commitment to protecting the waters of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin. Our continued pledge is to conserve and protect our vital water resources for our children and for future generations."

Premier McGuinty currently serves as Chair of The Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Water Resources Regional Body. The Governors and Premiers established the Regional Body when they signed the Agreement on December 13, 2005. The Agreement details how the States and Provinces will work together to manage and protect the waters of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin and provides a framework for each State and Province to enact laws protecting the Basin.

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# Great Lakes Governors, Chinese Officials Launch \$20 Billion in Economic Partnerships

In an event unprecedented in size or scope, Council of Great Lakes Governors Chair Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle recently announced the launch of over two dozen agreements worth over \$20 billion in new U.S. sales to China. The deals will support thousands of jobs in the manufacturing and other sectors.



*Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle and Madame Ma Xiuhong, Vice Minister of Commerce, People's Republic of China at the Forum on Trade and Investment.*

The agreements were finalized at the Council's "Chinese Forum on Trade and Investment in the Great Lakes Region" in Chicago, Illinois, on May 14. Governor Doyle hosted the event and was joined by officials from the Great Lakes States and Madame Ma Xiuhong, Vice Minister of Commerce, People's Republic of China, along with more than 250 Chinese and U.S. government and business officials.

From the Great Lakes region, participating companies included Dow Chemical Company (Michigan), GE Aviation (Ohio), Motorola (Illinois) and Westinghouse (Pennsylvania).

In addition to the agreement signings, the Forum provided an opportunity for visiting Chinese officials to network with State and regional business leaders while learning more about opportunities to invest in the Great Lakes region.

State participants included Minnesota Lt. Governor Carol Molnau; Ohio Lt. Governor Lee Fisher; Illinois Deputy Governor Sheila Nix and Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Jack Lavin; Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita;

and Pennsylvania Secretary of the Commonwealth Pedro A. Cortés.

Governor Doyle said, "The partnerships forged today will create many new jobs throughout our region and the country. I am proud that we have been able to take this important step to strengthen our national and regional manufacturing base. As a result of our growing relationship with the People's Republic of China, we are benefiting both of our economies now and in the long-term."

China is one of the world's fastest growing markets and an increasing source of investment. In 2006, exports to China from the Great Lakes States totaled \$9.61 billion. The Council of Great Lakes Governors' Shanghai Trade Office, established in 2003, has been instrumental in fostering the region's increasingly close economic relationship with China.

For more information about investment in the Great Lakes or the Council's shared trade offices, visit <http://cglg.org/projects/trade/index.asp>

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# GLBSRP Spurring Ethanol Fuel Use

In 1997, Minnesota became the first State to require that all gasoline sold in the State contain a ten percent blend of ethanol. In an effort to increase rural economic development while improving the environment, more recent legislation provides that the amount of ethanol in Minnesota gasoline be increased to 20 percent by 2013.

In order for this requirement to take effect, the U.S. EPA must certify the 20 percent blend (E-20) as a motor fuel through a waiver of the Clean Air Act. Requirements for a waiver include an emission testing program, a materials compatibility study and a vehicle drivability study. With financial assistance from the Great Lakes Biomass State and Regional Partnership (GLBSRP), the University of Minnesota is currently conducting a vehicle drivability study using vehicles from the University's Fleet Services Department. The Renewable Fuels Association will conduct the emissions study and Minnesota State Mankato will conduct the materials compatibility study. The project also includes a literature review of current national and international E-20, and higher blend, fuel usage.

For the drivability study, 40 pairs of University-owned vehicles, half using E-20 and half using straight gasoline, are being monitored over a period exceeding one year. Matched pairs of vehicles were selected so that both the vehicles and the vehicle use patterns are similar. In addition to logs of daily driving characteristics, trained raters are evaluating the cold and hot weather drivability characteristics on a quarterly basis at a test track in Arden Hills, Minnesota.

Preliminary results indicate that the summer performance of the E-20-fueled vehicles exceeded that of the vehicles fueled with straight gasoline, although the winter E-20 performance lagged behind the gasoline vehicles. This project will allow the stakeholders to make the case to the U.S. EPA that E-20 is indeed an acceptable fuel. Additionally, it will provide the State of Minnesota data necessary to apply for the federal waiver required to use E-20 as a motor fuel.

Through this and other partnerships, the GLBSRP continues to promote the development and implementation of renewable sources of energy.



Jochen Reinhold (Travel Marketing Romberg, Germany) and Yolanda Fletcher (Cellet Travel Services, UK) join Toby McCarrick (Great Lakes of North America Executive Director) at a reception for Great Lakes representatives who attended Pow Wow—the largest international travel trade show in the United States. Almost 5,000 travel industry delegates from 70 countries attended Pow Wow 2007.

Attendees held an estimated 46,000 business appointments which are expected to generate billions of dollars in travel to the U.S. over the next three years.

The Great Lakes of North America attends Pow Wow and other trade shows to promote tourism in the Great Lakes region. For more information on touring the Great Lakes region, visit <http://www.greatlakesnorthamerica.co.uk>

# Governors Renew Call to Congress to Restore and Protect the Lakes

This spring, the eight Great Lakes Governors again called on Congress to take a series of actions to protect and restore the Great

Lakes. Among the highlights in their March 2 letter to Congress:

- \* Call for broad, national protections against the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species through Congressional passage of comprehensive ballast water legislation.

- \* Request authorization and appropriations for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to upgrade, complete construction, operate and maintain a permanent, two-dispersal barrier system in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal at full federal cost in order to prevent the Asian carp and other invasive species from entering the Great Lakes.

- \* Request an appropriation of at least \$54 million annually to support the Great Lakes Legacy Act, which is expiring and requires reauthorization as soon as

possible.

- \* Call for \$28.5 million to restore 200,000 acres of wetlands throughout the Great Lakes Basin. The States reiterate

the commitment to work with non-federal partners to provide an equal cost-share.

Following the Governors' letter to Congress, Ken DeBeaussaert, Director of Michigan's Office of the Great Lakes, testified before the House Transportation and Infrastructure's

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment regarding the importance of Congress fulfilling the Governors' legislative requests.

"These reflect requests to Congress from the States to share in the investment we are making to protect and enhance the quality of our region's most valuable asset," said Director DeBeaussaert at the hearing.

More information, including copies of the Governors' letter and Director DeBeaussaert's testimony, can be found at [www.cglg.org/projects/priorities](http://www.cglg.org/projects/priorities).



Lake Michigan beach. Photo courtesy of Virginia Schlichter.

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(Continued from page 1). Ontario's Safeguarding and Sustaining Ontario's Water Act fulfils its commitment to pass legislation implementing the Agreement and strengthens the Province's existing ban on diversions out of its three major water basins. The Québec National Assembly approved the Agreement last year and is taking further steps to fully implement its terms. To become law in the States, a companion inter-State Compact must be approved by each of the State legislatures and Congress must give its consent.

Minnesota became the first State or Province to complete enactment when Governor Pawlenty signed the Compact into law in February. Compact legislation awaits signature by Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich; the Illinois legislature recently completed its ratification. Bills are pending in Indiana, Michigan and New York and action is anticipated in coming weeks and months in the other States.

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