

Chair's Letter

As we enter the 2008 election cycle, it is time to assess each candidate and their priorities. If history is any guide, the Great Lakes States will be key in deciding next year's races. We should expect that anyone asking for our vote should have a serious plan to deal with one of our most important issues—restoring our nation's water belt, the Great Lakes.



Wisconsin Governor
Jim Doyle

Toward that end, I have joined with my fellow Great

Lakes Governors in calling on Republican and Democratic Presidential candidates to: endorse our region's consensus strategy to protect and restore the Great Lakes; outline their implementation plan; and, endorse the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact.

We are also again calling on Congress to act quickly on near-term actions. There is remarkable consensus on the need to stop invasive species, restore toxic hot spots, protect wetlands and invest in wastewater infrastructure. But, we must accelerate our progress.

The Great Lakes Governors continue to work aggressively to restore and protect the Great Lakes. We are creating results in the water and on the ground. With your continued partnership and a greater commitment from our federal partners, I am hopeful that we can achieve our shared goal of a restored and protected Great Lakes. Thank you for your continued support.

—Jim Doyle

Chair, Council of Great Lakes Governors
Governor, State of Wisconsin



(Left to right): Lee Botts, David Naftzger, John Gannon, Tim Brown and Gary Gulezian in front of the R/V Peter L. Wise Lake Guardian. On October 2, 2007 the vessel was dedicated to Peter L. Wise in recognition of his tireless work to restore and protect the Great Lakes.

Historic Water Conservation and Efficiency Objectives Adopted

On December 4, 2007, the Great Lakes Governors and Premiers made history by adopting, for the first time, regional water conservation and efficiency objectives. The objectives were adopted unanimously by the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Water Resources Regional Body and fulfill a commitment the Governors and Premiers made in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement.

In developing the objectives, State and Provincial staff met with an Advisory Panel of regional stakeholders and consulted with Great Lakes Tribes and First Nations. Additionally, the Committee reviewed the many comments received during a 60-day public comment period.

The regional objectives will be used to inform the development of individual State and Provincial water conservation and efficiency goals and objectives. These goals and objectives will in turn shape State and Provincial programs that will be more specific in nature. For additional information, visit <http://cglg.org/projects/water/ConservationEfficiencyInitiative.asp>

Council to Lead 2008 Trade Mission to Argentina, Brazil and Chile

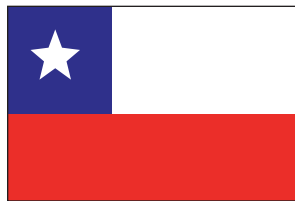
As follow-up to a successful 2004 South American trade mission, the Council of Great Lakes Governors will lead a mission to Argentina, Brazil and Chile from April 19-29, 2008. Companies from Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin are expected to participate.

Mission participants will visit Santiago, Chile; Buenos Aires, Argentina; and São Paulo, Brazil during the 10-day trip. Each day, participating companies will meet with an average of three to five potential business partners selected based upon the company's needs.

Participants will receive pre-arranged, one-on-one appointments with qualified distributors, agents and other relevant contacts, as well as detailed information about each company in advance of their meeting.

In addition to the valuable business services provided during the mission, participating companies will receive a variety of other benefits including assistance with hotel and driver/interpreter reservations as well as briefings to help provide a better understanding of South American business culture. Additionally, the Council's Trade Office staff

will assist mission participants with all aspects of the follow-up process after the mission.



About the Markets

U.S. exports to Argentina in 2006 were estimated at \$4.7 billion and the U.S. is Argentina's second-largest trading partner. Argentina's recovery after a 2001-2002 economic crisis has been robust.

Brazil has the largest and most diversified industrial market in Latin America and represents roughly half of the South American territory and economy. The U.S. is Brazil's single largest trade partner.

Chile has one of the most open economies in the world with Free Trade Agreements in place with over 50 countries. U.S. exports to Chile increased by \$4 billion from 2003-2006.

For more information on the Argentina, Brazil and Chile Trade Mission please contact Zoë Munro at zmunro@cglg.org or visit the mission website at <http://www.cglg.org/projects/ABC2008Mission/index.aspx>

Key Industry Sectors

- * Agricultural machinery
- * Airport and ground support equipment
- * Electrical power systems
- * Financial services
- * Food processing and packaging equipment
- * High tech machinery tools and equipment
- * Information technology
- * Medical and clinical instrumentation and equipment
- * Mining machinery and equipment
- * Oil and gas machinery and services
- * Pharmaceutical products and equipment
- * Plastics production machinery
- * Pollution and environmental control
- * Renewable energy
- * Safety and security equipment
- * Telecom and computer equipment
- * Testing and control instruments
- * Travel and tourism services

Trade Mission Itinerary

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| April 19 | Depart U.S. for Chile. |
| April 20 | Arrive in Santiago, Chile.
Country business briefing. |
| April 21 | Individual business appointments. |
| April 22 | Individual business appointments. |
| April 23 | Travel to Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Country business briefing. |
| April 24 | Individual business appointments. |
| April 25 | Individual business appointments. |
| April 26-27 | Weekend free (Possible organized excursion).
Travel to São Paulo, Brazil.
Country business briefing. |
| April 28 | Individual business appointments. |
| April 29 | Individual business appointments.
Depart São Paulo for U.S. |

Biomass Energy Technology Matrix Available

Through the National Biomass Partnership, the Great Lakes Biomass State and Regional Partnership (GLBSRP) recently assisted in the development of a bioenergy technology selection matrix. This matrix and other tools developed by the National Biomass Partnership can be found at www.nrbp.org.

The matrix is designed to quickly conduct a preliminary selection of technologies for specific bioenergy applications. It will provide clarity and direction to potential bioenergy users by summarizing different types of biomass-to-energy conversion technologies. It can be used to determine which technologies are most appropriate given a specific feedstock to be used, end products to be produced, and the commercial availability of the technologies.

To use the matrix, one first selects a type of biomass or feedstock, such as agricultural crops or wood products, from a drop-down list and then selects the energy product desired, including process heat, biofuels, space heating and electricity. The matrix

will then produce suggested pathway(s) to convert the biomass selected to the energy form desired. Pyrolysis, bio-gasification, and pelleting are just some of the possible pathways addressed.

GLBSRP Director Fred Kuzel said, "The development of this online matrix marks an important step in our continued efforts to promote renewable energy. This cutting-edge tool will make it easier and faster for those interested in renewable energy to make informed decisions."

Because biomass-to-energy presents a complex matrix of choices, the information in the matrix should be considered illustrative of the options available and not comprehensive of all biomass feedstocks or conversion pathways.

Although the information in the matrix is focused on commercially available technologies, a section of the website also provides information on emerging technologies.

For more information, please contact Fred Kuzel at 312-407-0177 or fkuzel@cglg.org.



While attending the Great Lakes of North America (GLNA) United Kingdom/Ireland sales mission in October, participants shot media images to promote GLNA's new visitors' guide and attendance in the November World Travel Market.

Participants include (left to right) Paul Sherburne, Explore Minnesota; George Zimmermann, Travel Michigan; Yolanda Fletcher, Cellet Travel Services; Toby McCarrick, GLNA; Lindsay Whale, Rockford IL, and Dave Scheler, Wisconsin Department of Tourism.

Despite Progress, Great Lakes Remain in Danger of Asian Carp

Despite recent successes, the Great Lakes Governors continue to demand federal action to fully protect the Great Lakes from the threat of Asian carp.

After repeated requests by the Great Lakes Governors, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) took action to prohibit the interstate transfer of black and silver carp by adding them to the list of injurious species prohibited under the Lacey Act.

On November 21, Council Chair Governor Jim Doyle wrote to USFWS thanking them for these recent actions and



(Left to right): Ohio DNR Director Sean Logan; Colonel John D. Drolet; Daniel Injerd, Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Lisa Wojnarowski, CGLG, tour the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal dispersal barrier.

again requesting that USFWS also list all forms of bighead carp, which also pose a serious threat to the Lakes.

Separately, Congress recently overturned President Bush's veto of the Water Resources Development Act.

This Act authorizes several key provisions related to Great Lakes projects, including the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal dispersal barrier.

The Great Lakes Governors commend this action and call for quick appropriations to fully fund the dispersal barrier.

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Governors Challenge Presidential Candidates to Outline Great Lakes Vision

On behalf of the region's Governors, Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle recently challenged the Democratic and Republican Presidential candidates to forge a new partnership with the Great Lakes Governors to restore and protect our nation's water belt—the Great Lakes.

Governor Doyle has spearheaded State and regional efforts but it is recognized that accelerated progress can only be made with greater federal support, particularly from the next Administration.

Specifically, Governor Doyle called on the candidates to support the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact, to endorse the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration's Strategy to Protect and Restore the Great Lakes, and to outline their implementation plan.

To realize the Strategy's promise, States and others have moved as aggressively as possible but increased federal commitments are needed.

Governor Doyle stated, "The next President must share our vision of protecting the Great Lakes. The Great Lakes are not only our greatest natural resource, but they are also a true national treasure. We need federal leaders who share our vision—strong partners who recognize that the Great Lakes are critical to our nation's future. Protecting, preserving, and improving the Great Lakes is not just a Wisconsin issue or a Michigan issue, it must be a national and international priority."

An example of the letter sent to the Presidential candidates can be found at www.cglg.org.