



Cross-Border Travel and Trade: A U.S./Canada Forum on WHTI

Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center
Detroit, Michigan
February 29 – March 1, 2008

Preliminary Agenda (as of 2/19/2008)

Friday, February 29, 2008

10:00 a.m. – till

Registration desk open
Mackinac Ballroom Foyer (Level 5)

11:30 a.m. – Noon

Lunch Buffet
Mackinac Ballroom (Level 5)

Noon – 1:00 p.m.
(Begins promptly)

Plenary I
WHTI Update
Mackinac Ballroom (Level 5)
Welcome and introductions: Representative Steve Tobocman, Majority Floor Leader, Michigan House of Representatives
Speaker: Ann Barrett, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Passport Services, Department of State

1:00 – 1:15 p.m.

Introduction to the Border Tour
Mackinac Ballroom (Level 5)
Speakers: Sean O'Dell, Executive Director and Mark Butler, Senior Policy Advisor/Communications, Windsor Gateway Project, Transport Canada

1:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Border Tour
Organized in conjunction with Transport Canada, attendees will tour the U.S./Canada border, examining the crossing process at the nation's busiest commercial port of entry.

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Welcome Reception
The Canada Room (600 Tower, Level 1)
Courtesy of Transport Canada

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Opening Dinner

Perspectives on WHTI and Cross-Border Relations

Mackinac Ballroom (Level 5)

Federal: Stewart Baker, Assistant Secretary for Policy, U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Greg Goatbe, Vice President of Admissibility, Canada Border Services Agency

State: Vermont Governor Jim Douglas

Provincial: Ontario Minister of Transportation Jim Bradley (invited)

Moderated by Jack Lessenberry, Writer/Journalist

Saturday, March 1, 2008

7:00 a.m. – till

Registration desk open

Mackinac Ballroom Foyer (Level 5)

7:30 – 8:00 a.m.

Breakfast Buffet

Mackinac Ballroom (Level 5)

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
(Begins promptly)

Plenary II

WHTI: A Business Perspective

Mackinac Ballroom Foyer (Level 5)

Speakers: Scotty Greenwood, Executive Director, Canadian American Business Council; Kelly Johnston, Vice President of Government Affairs, Campbell Soup Company; Senator Eliot Shapleigh, Texas State Senate

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Workshop I

Alternatives to the Passport Requirement

Mackinac Ballroom (Level 5)

This session will focus on state and provincial enhanced ID activity and provide a regional overview and analysis.

Speaker Panel: Becky Loomis, Assistant Director for State and Federal Initiatives, Washington; John van Dongen, Minister of State for Intergovernmental Relations, British Columbia; Commissioner David Swarts, New York Department of Motor Vehicles; and Commissioner Bonnie Rutledge, Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Workshop II

Security Technology for Enhanced IDs

Mackinac Ballroom (Level 5)

This session will focus on implementation of enhanced drivers' licenses, including RFID security technology, privacy and costs.

Speakers: Rich Carter, Senior Vice President, Programs, Clerus Solutions and Dr. Tom Karygiannis, Program Manager, Trusted Networking, National Institute of Standards and Technology

12:30 – 1:45 p.m.

Keynote Luncheon

Richard (Level 5)
(TBD)

2:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Regional Breakout Sessions

East: Group discussion on WHTI issues and solutions unique to Eastern states and provinces.

Cadillac (Level 5)

Midwest: Midwest-Canada Relations Committee will hold a mid-term meeting and discuss business:

- *Opportunities for state and provincial involvement in the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America*
- *Cooperative law enforcement efforts in the region using Integrated Border Enforcement Teams (IBETs)*
- *WHTI: Next steps for the Midwest*

LaSalle (Level 5)

South: Group discussion on WHTI issues and solutions unique to Southern states, facilitated by Tennessee State Senator Mark Norris.

Marquette A (Level 5)

West: Group discussion on WHTI issues and solutions unique to Western states and provinces.

Marquette B (Level 5)

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Closing Roundtable

Major Issues and Next Steps

Mackinac Ballroom (Level 5)

This session will reconvene the regional breakouts and provide an opportunity for attendees to discuss major issues and the way forward with WHTI implementation.

Facilitator: Sarah Hubbard, Vice President, Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce