



The Council of State Governments
Eastern Regional Conference

The Fiscal Crisis: Navigating the Turbulent Economy



Juniors and Teens
Register for Free

49TH ANNUAL MEETING & REGIONAL POLICY FORUM

HILTON HOTEL • BURLINGTON, VERMONT • AUGUST 2-5, 2009

WELCOME / BIENVENUE / BIENVENIDO

Dear Friends of CSG/ERC:

On behalf of the State of Vermont, The Council of State Governments' Eastern Regional Conference (CSG/ERC) and the Vermont 2009 Host state Committee, it gives us great pleasure to invite you to the CSG/ERC 49th Annual Meeting and Regional Policy Forum in Burlington, Vermont, August 2 – 5. The theme of this year's annual meeting is **"The Fiscal Crisis: Navigating the Turbulent Economy"**.

The CSG/ERC Annual Meeting and Regional Policy Forum is the largest gathering of state elected and appointed officials in the Northeast. The concurrent policy workshops will address economic and other critical policy issues relating to agriculture, criminal justice, Canada/US relations, education, energy and the environment, health, international trade, and transportation. In addition, we will build on the success of last year's policy agenda with another Executive panel, which will include Governors and Canadian Premiers.

The CSG/ERC Annual Meeting is family friendly! We offer two full days of social and educational activities for spouses/guests and juniors/teens. **As an added bonus, juniors and teens register for free.** For the youth, activities include visits to the Montpelier Nature Center and the ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center. Spouses and guests will enjoy a cruise along Lake Champlain, a tour of Shelburne Vineyards as well as a tour of Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Factory.

There has never been a more significant time in our history to gather together to share ideas, concerns and solutions. We are committed to making this event truly informative, as well as an enjoyable time for all attendees.

Please join us this August in Vermont for an enriching CSG/ERC Annual Meeting and Regional Policy Forum.



Senator William Doyle
CSG/ERC Co-Chair

William Doyle



Rep. Carolyn W. Partridge
CSG/ERC Co-Chair

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PRELIMINARY BUSINESS PROGRAM

Saturday, August 1

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Criminal Justice Board Meeting
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Conference Registration

Sunday, August 2

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Criminal Justice Board Meeting
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Exhibit Space Open
8:00 AM – 6:00 PM Conference Registration
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM Annual Meeting Committee
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM Innovations Screening Panel
2:15 PM – 4:30 PM Northeast States/Eastern Canadian Provinces Committee
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM Opening Event

Monday, August 3

7:30 AM – 5:00 PM Conference Registration
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Exhibit Space Open
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM Concurrent Policy Breakfast Meetings
• Agricultural and Rural Policy (NSAAS)
• Criminal Justice
• Education
• Environment/Energy
• Health
• Legislative Staff
• Northeast States/Eastern Canadian Provinces Committee
• Transportation
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Eastern Trade Council Board Meeting
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM General Delegates Breakfast
9:45 AM – Noon Welcoming Session & Opening Plenary
• Governors and Premiers Roundtable
12:15 PM – 2:00 PM Keynote Luncheon

2:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Concurrent Policy Forums
• Agricultural and Rural Policy (NSAAS)
• Criminal Justice
• Education
• Environment/Energy
• Health
• Legislative Staff
• Northeast States/Eastern Canadian Provinces Committee
• Transportation: Rail Summit

2:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Budget and Tax Roundtable

2:30 PM – 4:30 PM

ELA/Toll Fellows Alumni Professional Development Workshop

4:45 PM – 5:45 PM

ELA and Toll Fellows Reception

4:45 PM – 5:45 PM

First Time Attendees Reception

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Meet the Members Reception

Tuesday, August 4

7:00 AM – 4:00 PM
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM
9:00 AM – Noon

Conference Registration
Nominations Committee Breakfast
Concurrent Policy Forums
• Agricultural and Rural Policy (NSAAS)
• Criminal Justice
• Education
• Environment/Energy
• Health
• Transportation

Noon – 2:00 PM

Keynote Luncheon

2:15 PM – 4:15 PM

Professional Skills Development Workshop

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

2010 Maine Reception

7:30 PM – 10:00 PM

2009 Vermont State Dinner

Wednesday, August 5

7:30 AM – 8:00 AM
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Closing Business Session
Farewell Breakfast for Junior/Teen Delegates
Farewell Breakfast for Delegates & Spouses

**2009 ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION
AUGUST 2-5, 2009 BURLINGTON, VT**



Name _____
 Title (As it is to appear on your badge) _____
 Organization _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Office Phone _____ Home or Cell _____
 Fax _____ E-mail _____

First Time Attendee Yes

Registration Fees (please check one)

Registration fees entitle access to all program and social events

	Postmarked or faxed by July 3	Postmarked or faxed after July 3
<input type="checkbox"/> Government Officials and Staff	\$350	\$400
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Government/Nonprofit/Academic	\$350	\$400
<input type="checkbox"/> CSG Associate (1 representative per company)	\$350	\$400
<input type="checkbox"/> Private Sector	\$650	\$700
One Day Rate Specify Date		
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Sector _____	\$150	\$175
<input type="checkbox"/> Private Sector _____	\$200	\$225
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Guest	\$150	\$175
Jr./Teen Delegate (Ages 6-18)	No Fee	No Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Sponsor:		
\$1,000 - \$2,499	1 Discount Registration at the Public Sector Rates	
\$2,500 - \$4,999	1 Complimentary Registration	
\$5,000 - \$9,999	2 Complimentary Registrations	
\$10,000 - \$14,999	4 Complimentary Registrations	
\$15,000 - \$24,000	6 Complimentary Registrations & Exhibit Space	
\$25,000	10 Complimentary Registrations & Exhibit Space	

For Eastern Legislators Only: State Billing

If you would like us to bill your state and use a different address from above, please provide the following information

Department to Bill: _____
 Contact Name: _____
 Billing Address: _____

 City, State, Zip: _____
 Phone Number: _____

Spouse/Guest Payment Information

(MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE)

Name _____

 Payment enclosed \$ _____
 Charge to: Amex Visa M/C Diners Club
 Card # _____
 Exp. Date _____
 Name on card _____
 Signature _____

Attendee Payment Information

Please make check payable to CSG/ERC '09

Payment enclosed \$ _____
 Charge to: Amex Visa M/C Diners Club
 Card # _____ Exp. Date _____
 Name on card _____
 Signature _____

Jr./Teen Delegate Information

Name: _____ Age: _____ Shirt Size: _____
 Name: _____ Age: _____ Shirt Size: _____
 Name: _____ Age: _____ Shirt Size: _____

Comments: Please list special dietary requirements, onsite assistance or needs required under the Americans with Disabilities Act:

Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be in writing and received no later than July 3, 2009 for a refund. Submit your cancellation to CSG/ERC in writing by postal service or fax using the contact information listed below. Cancellations received before July 3, 2009 will receive a full refund. Cancellations received after July 3, 2009 will receive a 50% refund.

Fax this form to (212) 482-2344 or mail to:
 CSG/ERC 100 Wall St. 20th Fl., NY, NY, 10005
 Questions? Call (212) 482-2320

You can also register online
www.csgeast.org

HOUSING REGISTRATION FORM

Hilton Hotel – Burlington, VT August 2-5, 2009

Space is limited. Rooms will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.

Housing application deadline is June 26, 2009. After this date, rooms will be based on availability. NOTE: The conference rate and accommodations may no be available after June 26, 2009.

INSTRUCTIONS

Reservations held the following ways:

ONLINE: www.csgeast.org
Select *Meetings*, then *Online Registration*

E-MAIL:
Completed form to: info@epicintl.net

FAX:
Completed form to: 480.990.2522

MAIL:
Completed form to:
CSG Reservations c/o EPIC International
4150 N. Drinkwater Blvd. #105
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

DEADLINE

Reservations must be made by June 26, 2009 in order to guarantee conference rates.

CONFIRMATIONS

CSG Reservations will send you a notification of receipt of your rooming request. A confirmation will be sent from the hotel directly via e-mail. Please review all information for accuracy. If you do not receive a confirmation or have questions, please call us at 866.703.6288 or 480.994.4434 or e-mail to info@epicintl.net.

Approximately two weeks prior to your arrival, you will receive your confirmation number via email directly from the hotel.

ROOMING

All rates are per room and do NOT include 11% occupancy tax (subject to change). Room type cannot be guaranteed, however we will do our best to honor all requests. Hotel will assign specific rooms upon check-in, based on availability.

GUARANTEE

All reservations require a guarantee. Reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card for one night's room and tax. Reservations will NOT be processed without a credit card guarantee. All changes and cancellations must be made directly with EPIC International through July 27, 2009.

NOTE:

Your confirmation will be e-mailed to you 2 weeks prior to your stay

For all reservations, changes or cancellations made on or after July 27, 2009, please contact the hotel directly. If you have questions, please call EPIC International at 866.703.6288 | 480.994.4434.

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

ORGANIZATION

OFFICE CONTACT NAME AND NUMBER, IF YOU ARE NOT AVAILABLE

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

Postal Code

PHONE

FAX

E-MAIL ADDRESS (Note: Your confirmation will be sent to this address; one only, please.)

Choose your preferred hotel:

(First come, first serve basis - if your choice is not available, we will contact you with options)

_____ **Hilton Burlington Hotel (Host Hotel) - \$199 + 11% tax = \$220.89**

_____ **Courtyard Marriott (Next door to the Hilton) - \$199 + 11% tax = \$220.89**

_____ **Sheraton Burlington Hotel (1 mile from Hilton) - \$149 + 11% tax = \$165.39**

Arrival Date: _____ **Departure Date:** _____

Request: 1 King _____ 2 Doubles _____ | Smoking _____ Non Smoking _____

List names of additional guests staying in your room:

Above rates apply for Single or Double occupancy. (Please note, you will pay \$20 per person/ per night for additional guests in the same room age 18+)

Guarantee room reservation to credit card: Visa MasterCard Amex Diners Club

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Name _____

Cardholder's Signature _____

Cancellations received on or after June 5, 2009 are subject to a \$75 cancellation fee. Cancellations received on or after July 3, 2009 are subject to a \$125 cancellation fee. Reservations cancelled within 72 hours of arrival will be subject to a cancellation fee of one night's room and tax. For all reservations, changes and cancellations made on or after July 27, 2009, please contact the hotel directly. If you do not arrive at the hotel on the date indicated, you will be considered a "no-show" and will pay a cancellation fee of one night's room and tax. The hotel may also cancel your room reservation in its entirety. The hotel will charge you an early departure fee equal to one night's room and tax if you check out prior to the date on your confirmed reservation.

ROOM GUARANTEE POLICY

CSG Reservations (EPIC International) will not charge your credit card unless the reservation is cancelled and a cancellation fee is incurred. Your confirmation will be e-mailed to you from the hotel, approximately 2 weeks prior to your stay.

I understand and accept the terms of this housing agreement:

Signed: _____

Print: _____ Date: _____

Please note: Forms without signatures will be returned for signature.



JUNIOR / TEEN PROGRAM

Sunday, August 2

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Opening Event: It's an evening for all participants, spouses, guests and children at The Coach Barn at Shelburne Farms on the shores of Lake Champlain. The theme for the evening is 'Everything Local,' with 'A Taste of Vermont' heading the menu.



Monday, August 3

5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Depart from the Marriott Hotel for an evening at Pizza Putt in South Burlington where unlimited pizza and beverages abound. Then it's a round of miniature golf.



TEENS & JUNIORS

Monday, August 3

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

After breakfast at the Marriott Hotel, travel to Mount Mansfield in Stowe for an exciting gondola ride to the summit of the mountain where breathtaking views await you. Guides will lead you on a gentle hiking excursion on the mountain and in Smuggler's Notch. Unique flora and fauna will be pointed out and environmental and conservation issues will be addressed. Everyone gets to enjoy a picnic lunch before heading back to Burlington; the ride back would not be complete without a Scoop Stop at Vermont's Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Factory.

TEENS



Tuesday, August 4

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

After breakfast at the Marriott Hotel, everyone puts on walking shoes and skips down a couple of blocks to ECHO, Lake Aquarium and Science Center.

This award-winning 'green' building holds 60 species of fish, amphibians and reptiles and has the multimedia Awesome Forces Theater. For those interested in hands-on fun, ECHO offers over 100 interactive experiences, including the Beluga Whale Dig! and Be a Watershed Weather Reporter – you can star in, edit, and even take home a DVD of your own weather report. Then it's off to Panton and lunch at Vermont's Fourth Generation Basin Harbor Resort on the shores of Lake Champlain. After lunch, there's a 'behind the scenes' tour of the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum and a one-hour tour cruise of Lake Champlain's shipwrecks.

TEENS & JUNIORS



Monday, August 3

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Following breakfast at the Marriott Hotel, the first stop is at the North Branch Nature Center in Montpelier where a guided tour awaits you. Then it's off to Morse Farms for a middle-of-the summer Sugar on Snow Party. Next, it's time for a picnic lunch, followed by a Scoop Stop at Vermont's Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Factory.

JUNIORS



Tuesday, August 4

5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Depart the Marriott Hotel together and travel to the Spirit of Ethan Allen III for dinner cruise followed by a DJ, music and dancing.

TEENS & JUNIORS

Wednesday, August 5

10:00 am

Farewell Breakfast.

TEENS & JUNIORS

Spouse / Guest Program

Sunday, August 2

6:00 – 9:00 pm



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Monday, August 3

9:00 am – 4:00 pm



Begin the day with an historical walking/driving tour of Burlington which will include time for shopping on Church Street in Burlington's Downtown Marketplace. Continue the day with a one and a half hour luncheon cruise aboard the Spirit of Ethan Allen III on Lake Champlain. Depart the boat and travel south to The Vermont Wildflower Farm in Charlotte. After enjoying the floral beauty of the Vermont climate, end the day at the Shelburne Vineyards for a tour and sip, and leave with a souvenir wine glass.

Tuesday, August 4

9:00 am – 4:00 pm



Travel to Morse Farm, a sugar house operation with 200 years of experience! Your time there includes sugar house tours and tastings, displays in the real woodshed theater and an outdoor Vermont farm life museum; sprinkled throughout the property are whimsical carvings created by owner Burr Morse. A quick ride will bring you to Vermont's historic State House where you will be given a guided tour to learn about the restoration of the Vermont State House, conservation of its historic integrity and collections, and hear information about history. Lunch will be at the Lodge at Millstone on magical Millstone Hill. On the return to Burlington, you will stop at Vermont Butter and Cheese for a tour and samples, at a Vermont Specialty Foods Store and a final stop at Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Factory for a scoop!



6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

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About CSG/ERC

CSG/ERC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization established in 1937 in New York City, serving legislative, executive and judicial branch officials from the ten Northeastern states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and six eastern Canadian provinces.

CSG/ERC promotes region-wide initiatives, facilitates inter-branch cooperation, advocates on state-federal issues, and educates policy-makers on regional priorities and trends.

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New Hampshire • New Jersey • New York • Nova Scotia • Ontario • Pennsylvania
Prince Edward Island • Puerto Rico • Québec • Rhode Island • U.S. Virgin Islands • Vermont

CSG/ERC free electronic newsletters are published regularly and offer concise summaries of legislation and changing events in the region and Washington, D.C.

Our key publications are:

Coastlines: A monthly newsletter focusing on key policy issues and trends that impact our region.

Fiscal Notes: Our bi-weekly newsletter highlighting national and regional budget and tax issues.

Energy & Environment News Roundup: Our weekly newsletter providing regional national and international news summaries on environmental and energy issues.

NSAAS News Cleanings: Our weekly newsletter of the Northeast States Association for Agricultural Stewardship.

U.S./Canada Border Update: A monthly newsletter on trade and border issues between the U.S. and Eastern Canada.

Our newest Web site, **Green Matters**, provides news on state energy and environmental policy. You can visit the site at www.greenmatters.csgeast.org.

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