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PORTS-TO-PLAINS TRADE CORRIDOR

Securing the Benefits of Commerce to North America's Energy and Agricultural Heartland

12th Annual Ports-to-Plains Conference

September 30 - October 1, 2009 in Lubbock, Texas

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Ports-to-Plains Alliance and our co-hosts at the Texas Department of Transportation, I am pleased to invite you to the 12th Annual Conference of the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor Coalition in Lubbock, Texas, on Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 2009 ([Draft Agenda](#)). Please join us in Lubbock and help promote economic development and policies favorable to the Ports-to-Plains region, North America's energy and agricultural heartland.

NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR EARLY REGISTRATION FOR THE CONFERENCE ENDS AUGUST 31, 2009. Please [REGISTER ONLINE NOW and make your Hotel Reservation at the Overton Hotel & Conference Center](#) to save \$50 on your registration fee. Registrants should reserve their hotel rooms as soon as possible as the conference room block will be released on Sept. 13, 2009.

We are delighted to host this year's annual meeting in the hometown of Ports-to-Plains. The City of Lubbock, a coalition founder and our largest municipal member, is an ideal setting to review together the major milestones we've achieved in 2009 and to look ahead at our goals for 2010. In 2009, Ports-to-Plains legally contracted with its key partners, including the [Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association](#), based in Williston, North Dakota, and the [Heartland Expressway Association](#), based in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, to form the Ports-to-Plains Alliance, a nine-state regional economic development and advocacy coalition. In May 2009, we concluded a membership agreement with the [Province of Alberta](#), northern pillar of North America's energy economy.

As always, we have an exciting roster of speakers who, together, will help describe the opportunities, challenges and key strategies all Ports-to-Plains members should be aware of as we enter one of the most important Congressional sessions in our 12-year history. These include:

- **John Adams, President & CEO, Enterprise Florida, Inc., Orlando, Florida;**
- **The Honorable Len Mitzel, Member of Legislative Assembly, Medicine Hat, Alberta;**
- **David Bradley, President, Canadian Trucking Alliance Alliance, Toronto;**
- **Perry Pearce, State Government Affairs Manager, Conoco-Phillips, Inc., Denver;**
- **Ing. Oscar de Buen Richkardy, Undersecretary of Infrastructure, Mexican Department of Transportation & Communications (SCT), Mexico City;**
- **Bruce Agnew, Director, Cascadia Institute, West Coast Corridor Coalition, Seattle;**
- **Jack Schenendorf, Counsel, Covington & Burling, former and vice chair of the National Surface Transportation Finance Study Group, Washington, D.C.;**

- **Mark Curran, Vice President, Sustainable Design Practice, The Shaw Group;**
- **Coby Chase, Director, Government & Public Affairs Division, Texas Department of Transportation**
- **Andrew Browning, Vice President, Consumer Energy Alliance, Washington, D.C.**

After a decade of work, the Ports-to-Plains Alliance has raised over \$1 billion for transportation infrastructure and achieved national recognition as advocates for a region that feeds, clothes and fuels North America. We hope you will join us at our conference and contribute your leadership to our efforts in 2010.

Best regards,

Michael Reeves
President
Ports-to-Plains

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