

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

(including expenses of participants and general expenses associated with travel)

Ministry	Executive Council	
Title of Travel	Western Governors' Association (WGA) 2017 Winter Meeting	
Location	Phoenix, Arizona	
Date(s)	November 30 - December 3, 2017	
Participants	Honourable Brad Wall, Premier of Saskatchewan Ed Carleton, Chief of Staff to the Premier, Saskatoon Cabinet Office	
Purpose of Travel	Attend the WGA 2017 Winter Meeting to promote the critical importance of Canada's and Saskatchewan's trade relationship with the United States (U.S.) and sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage (CCUS) with Montana, North Dakota and Wyoming.	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees)		\$1,010.82
Ground Travel (including taxis and parking)		\$410.15
Accommodation (including room charges, incidentals, related taxes and fees)		\$1,643.29
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$316.01
Conference and Registration Fees		\$958.58
Miscellaneous (including temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, and other sundry expenditures)		\$0.00
Subtotal		\$4,338.85
General Travel Expenditures		
Business Hosting Expenses (luncheon and/or dinner meetings hosted by the Government of Saskatchewan, including food, beverages, catering staff, service charges, equipment, and entertainment)		\$0.00
Miscellaneous (Including meeting rooms, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)		\$0.00
Subtotal		\$0.00
TOTAL		\$4,338.85

Overview of Travel and Objectives

Premier Brad Wall travelled to Phoenix, Arizona to attend the WGA 2017 Winter Meeting.

- Thirteen Governors representing Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Northern Mariana Islands, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming participated in the Winter Meeting. The event provided an excellent opportunity to establish new, and strengthen existing, relationships and discuss shared trade and energy priorities with the attending Governors, officials representing the U.S. Administration and state governments, and industry.

At these meetings Premier Wall:

- delivered timely, strong messaging to influential U.S. Governors on Canada's and Saskatchewan's concerns regarding the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) negotiations and reinforcing the importance of free trade for both nations:
 - obtain the Governors' perspective on the current state of NAFTA negotiations and explore whether any action can be taken at the sub-national level to ensure the negotiations continue to progress in a constructive manner;
 - emphasize the benefits of maintaining open trade with Canada;
 - reinforce that the uncertainty around NAFTA has the potential to negatively impact jobs and investment in the U.S. (and Canada); and,
 - stress that it is critical for our economies and supply chains to remain integrated to maintain North American competitiveness in other markets.
- signed a MOU on CCUS collaboration and knowledge sharing with the Governors of Montana, North Dakota and Wyoming.
- held a joint meeting with Montana Governor Steve Bullock, North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum and Wyoming Governor Matt Mead to sign a MOU on CCUS and encourage Governors to reach out to their contacts in the U.S. Congress and Administration to advocate for a successful renegotiation of NAFTA.
- participated in a Roundtable Session with Western Governors and representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, National Association of State Energy Officials and the Salt River Project (one of the largest power utilities in the U.S.) to discuss how jurisdictions can prepare for the impact of natural disasters on water and energy infrastructure. The Premier shared SK's tactics for emergency preparation, including the province's approach to adaptation and resiliency.