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Thanks for the information.

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Commissioner McElroy: My name is Rachel Connell and I am the Director of Membership & Events for North America's SuperCorridor Coalition (NASCO). We at NASCO are a nonprofit organization made up of dues-paying members from the public and private sectors who have been involved in efforts to maximize the efficiency of our existing highway and intermodal and multi-modal infrastructure assets, including existing Interstate Highways 35/29/94 and the many intersecting modes of transportation rail, air and sea that affect its operations. NASCO has a highly credible, 13-year track record of successful advances in policies, projects and accomplishments. Minnesota DOT joined NASCO this year and Cecil Selness, Director, Office of Freight & Commercial Vehicle Operations and Tim Henkel, Division Director, Planning, Modal & Data Management Division sit on our Board of Directors. Each year we have a large trade/transportation conference that rotates between Canada, Mexico and the United States. Last year it was held in Winnipeg, Manitoba and this year the City of Fort Worth and Tarrant County are hosting the conference. This event will bring together 350 senior political and business figures from from all three countries to consider key trade and transportation issues in a dynamic, interactive format! During the conference on Friday, June 1st, from 9:00-10:00am we have a panel entitled Spurring Economic Development (a look at ways to enhance economic development along the NASCO Corridor). I would like to extend an invitation for you or a representative from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development to be a part of this panel. I apologize for the rather short notice, but this is a panel we have recently added. We currently have three Secretaries of Economic Development confirmed from the Mexican states of Nuevo Leon, Guanajuato, and Hidalgo and have invited Secretaries/Directors of Economic Development from along our Corridor. Please see the attached letter of invitation, preliminary program, and conference brochure. I apologize for the informality of this e-mail, but time is of the essence. A hard copy of this information will follow by mail. Please review and let me know if you have further questions and are interested in in speaking. I will follow-up with you on Monday, April 9th. I look forward to talking with you soon! Thank you for your consideration. Event Highlights:

- \*Dinner at Secretary of State Roger Williams ranch
- \*Private backstage tour & reception given by Ed Bass at Bass Hall for NASCO members
- \*Tours of BNSF and Alliance facilities
- \*Mayor's Global Business Luncheon (with an expected additional

300-400 attendees for the luncheon)

For program topics and more information on the conference visit

NASCO Conference 2007: Moving North America Forward, May 30-June 1,  
Fort Worth, Texas.

For more information visit [www.nascocorridor.com](http://www.nascocorridor.com) and to register go  
to [www.regonline.com/nasco07](http://www.regonline.com/nasco07)

We look forward to seeing you in Fort Worth!!!

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