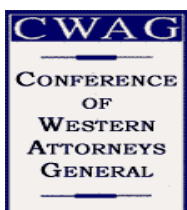


U.S. – MEXICO STATE ALLIANCE PARTNERSHIP



Report of Activities

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ALLIANCE PARTNERSHIP BACKGROUND

On September 23, 2008, the Council of State Governments (CSG) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) entered into a three-year cooperative, jointly funded agreement to implement the U.S. – Mexico State Alliance Partnership. The cooperative agreement was subsequently modified to extend activities to five years, September 23, 2009 – September 30, 2013.

The U.S. – Mexico State Alliance Partnership is a collaborative, multi-branch alliance comprising the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Council of State Governments (CSG) and its Western and Southern regional offices, Conference of Western Attorneys General (CWAG), National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG), National Association of State Treasurers (NAST), National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) and other officials aimed at strengthening cooperation among state officials and institutions of the United States and Mexico. The Alliance Partnership promotes and convenes binational exchanges and workshops among border legislators, attorneys general and treasurers that enhance the role of state officials in addressing shared public policy concerns that transcend international borders.

The Alliance Partnership promotes the integration of activities and outreach with other binational mechanisms, as well as policy institutes and research universities, so that concrete policy objectives and reforms can be achieved through a strategic, multi-branch and multi-jurisdictional approach. The Alliance partners, their respective members, networks and linkages comprise a broad and influential coalition that can affect change. The Alliance Partnership is an innovative mechanism of cooperation that enables dynamic synergies and cross-jurisdictional cooperation.

REPORT OVERVIEW

This report highlights the activities of the first quarter for FY 2009-10 by CSG and the Alliance partners to promote and implement binational state exchanges as defined by the objectives of the U.S. – Mexico State Alliance Partnerships. The activities were carried out with the support of the USAID Mexico mission.

PROGRESS EVALUATION

The activities highlighted in this report illustrate CSG and its partner's continued effort to make significant progress in achieving the program's objectives, which are the following:

- Contribute to the objectives of the Merida Initiative related to continuing police education insofar as USAID has determined that "police" shall include state justice personnel;
- Strengthen and further expand binational exchanges and activities among state attorneys general of Mexico and the United States through the alliances established by CWAG, the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG), and Mexico's National Conference of Attorneys General, particularly through investigative and prosecutorial capacity training seminars;
- Enhance the ability of U.S. and Mexico border state legislatures to identify and enact strategies aimed towards performing an expanded policy role in addressing common concerns along the 2,000 mile border region through the ongoing implementation of the Border Legislative Conference (BLC); and
- Establish binational economic development forums among state executive branch officials, including Lt. Governors, Treasurers and others aimed at exchanging "best practices" and linkages in public finance strategies, infrastructure planning, access to capital and tourism, among others.

BORDER LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Americas 2020 Summit

On November 4-5, 2009, the BLC and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDot) convened the Second Annual Americas 2020 Summit in San Antonio, Texas. The Summit focused on North America Emerging Trade Corridors; Mobility and Security across International Borders; and Strengthening Economic Competitiveness. Expert panelists provided dynamic presentations on these topics; moreover, attendees had an opportunity to participate in simultaneous breakout sessions aimed at openly discussing and developing concrete recommendations that can lead to specific state and federal legislative proposals.

The panel on North America emerging trade corridors provided attendees an overview of key trade and transportation corridors connecting Canada, Mexico and the U.S., as well as discussion on land, maritime and rail infrastructure and financing needs for the region. Speakers included Amadeo Saenz of TxDot; Jim Gosnell of the West Coast Corridor Coalition; and Micheal Reeves of the Ports-to-Plains Alliance.

The panel on mobility and security across international borders took a look at existing land ports of entry operations along the U.S. – Mexico and U.S. – Canada border and the need to streamline operations to facilitate secure and efficient commercial trade. Speakers included Rudy Perez of

the Arizona Department of Transportation; Sean Carlos Cazares of Mexico's Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Norris Pettis, Consul General of Canada for Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, and Texas.

Finally, the panel on strengthening economic competitiveness focused on linking continental manufacturing logistics and a look at models of success. Panelist included Stephen Roop of the Texas Transportation Institute; Brian Krolicki, Lt. Governor of Nevada; and Raul Rodriguez, Chairman of the North America Center for Transborder Studies at the University of Arizona.

As part of the break-out sessions during the Summit, the following broad recommendations were articulated and forwarded for the consideration of the BLC, as well as other border stakeholders:

North America Emerging Trade Corridors

- Build grassroots support for funding transportation infrastructure
 - Work with large stakeholders
 - Work with leaders of local committees on how they will benefit by funding infrastructure
- Legislators and other stakeholders to educate and inform congressional delegations on the need for a national and North America freight strategy by showing benefits, including funding generated, jobs created, and return on investment. Include all modes – rail, waterways, air, highways and multimodal options;
- Move line of defense away from the border. Develop inland ports so that inspections take place away from the border;

Border Crossings

- Maximize use of existing infrastructure;
- Three concrete proposals
- Thumb prints identification
- Pilot program for 500 trucks
- Mass transit pilot in border communities
- Enhance capacity of existing ports of entries

Strengthening Economic Competitiveness

- Create legal framework to allow joint financing of infrastructure projects
- Encourage the lengthening the terms of local officials in Mexico;
- Insist on local control of project implications;
- Implement “competitiveness education” in post secondary education;
- Identify new ways to communicate the benefits of trade and competitiveness to the public.

20th Border Legislative Conference

Legislators from the 10 U.S. – Mexico border states convened November 6-7, 2009 in San Antonio, Texas for the 20th Border Legislative Conference. Participating legislators had the opportunity to participate in the Second Annual Americas 2020 Summit one day prior to the opening activities of the 20th Border Legislative Conference.

Participating members heard updates from the Border Governors Conference's Logistics and International Crossings Worktable, Arizona State University's North America Center for Transborder Studies, and the North American Development Bank (NADBank). Moreover, legislators learned about the Strategic Guidelines for Competitive and Sustainable Development of the Transborder Region Report completed by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF). Participating members also discussed issues of great importance such as child protection issues along the border region, threats to the citrus industry along the border, and the H1N1 Flu and other public health threats.

The members of the Border Legislative Conference adopted the following actions/declarations:

Second Annual Americas 2020 Summit

The members of the Border Legislative Conference expressed support for the recommendations from the Americas 2020 Summit.

Scrap Tire Legislation Recommendations

The members of the BLC adopted the recommendations detailed in the scrap tire report developed by Arizona State University's North American Center for Transborder Studies. The report was completed in partnership with the BLC, the Council of State Governments-*WEST*, the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC) and USAID, Mexico City. The recommendations adopted were:

- Creation of a permanent legislative review committee to discuss legislative developments, with specific emphasis on the BLC's interaction with Border 2012, EPA, SEMARNAT, Border Governors Conference, local entities and the private sector on the scrap tire issue;
- Maintain permanent BLC membership on and participation with the Border 2012 Tire Initiative Workgroup;
- Continue to coordinate on a regular basis with the Border Governors Conference Environmental Work Table on developments in the 10 state legislatures on issues dealing with waste tires;

- Set up regular consultations with legislators and environmental agency directors and key staff;
- Develop partnerships with border universities to create residential or non-resident visiting fellowships for outgoing legislators to study scrap tire management legislation and global market and technological developments in this area;
- Conduct regular visits with key committees of Mexican state legislatures to discuss the scrap tire issue and possible legislative approaches;
- Partner with key groups to post “best legislative practices” in both English and Spanish on scrap tire management legislation on the Council of State Governments website. CSG’s Suggested State Legislation site (<http://www.csg.org.programs/ssl/default.aspx>) serves as a model for the U.S. – Mexico border states to share experiences and provide mutually beneficial feedback. The criteria for consideration include issue timelines; national or regional significance; innovative nature of the legislative approach; level of complexity of the legislation, and so forth.

The best practices fall into major U.S. and Mexican legislative approaches mentioned above, including:

- Increase recycling and market development.
 - Increase revenue.
 - Prevent land contamination.
 - Create abatement programs or enhance existing programs.
 - Enhance enforcement.
 - Create new approaches toward achieving shared responsibility among the different levels of government in Mexico.
 - Focus the work of the BLC in key areas in scrap tire legislation
- Several border state legislatures have recently considered and/or passed legislation on waste tires. It is advisable for state legislators and their staffs to consult the full range of legislation that has been passed and proposed on the issue in order to build an effective legislative solution that is customized to local economic and social realities. The binder of appendices to the report will serve as a resource to the legislatures as they work on this issue. Having said that, we believe that the components that stand out as most important for legislatures to consider the following:

U.S. Border States:

- Direct state environmental agencies to allocate resources toward border-related scrap tire projects in a number of key areas, specifically directing funding, toward projects in Mexico when warranted and to the benefit of the U.S. state.
- Requiring tire sellers to render waste tires unusable and therefore not marketable in Mexico.

Mexico Border States:

- Clarify the classification of scrap tires as special management waste and work with municipalities to update regulations on local integrated waste management program implementation.
- Legislate the special handling and final deposition of waste tires in suitable sites.
- Legislate locally customized approaches to stimulate the development of markets for waste tire recycling and reuse.

Organizational Rules

The members of the BLC voted to amend the organizational framework rules to require notification to the respective state leadership if and when BLC members fail to participate in two consecutive meetings. This amendment was adopted in order to ensure there is maximum participation per state at each and every meeting, thus efficiently utilizing the funds provided to BLC operations as part of USAID's financial commitment. The motion passed unanimously.

BLC Forums

It was agreed that the rotation order of upcoming forums will be switched to hold Spring/Summer forums in the U.S. and the Fall/Winter forums in Mexico. With the adoption of this change, Representative Russ Jones of Arizona made a motion to hold the XXI BLC forum in Phoenix, Arizona in spring 2010 and members accepted unanimously. As a result, the next BLC will convene April 14-17, 2010.

Ongoing Outreach

BLC program staff has maintained ongoing communications with a wide range of individuals and cross border governmental and non-governmental organizations that focus on U.S. – Mexico relations in an effort to further promote cross-border collaboration.

CONFERENCE OF WESTERN ATTORNEYS GENERAL

Commitment to Programming

CWAG's commitment to the partnership with USAID in developing state-to-state relationships with our Mexican counterparts continues to rocket forward with amazing speed and expansive results. In addition, outreach to the PGR has lead to fruitful discussions and execution of programming with both PGR and the Mexican States. CWAG's introductions and discussions with fellow Alliance Partnership members such as the National Association of Attorneys General, the Woodrow Wilson Center, The Border Governors' Conference and its Border Security Work Table, along with the Council of State Governments, is opening doors and

creating collaborative opportunities between these organizations. USAID's encouragement of this synergistic alliance is producing exponential results.

Binational Exchange Program

CWAG's binational exchange program facilitated several international encounters this quarter. This policy-oriented discourse at the State AG-to-State AG level continued with Letters of Understanding being signed Nevada and Oaxaca, and by North Dakota and Baja California.



These agreements connect the states with a commitment to sharing training and information in support of the Rule of Law.

CWAG also hosted Lic. Francisco Molina Ruiz, the PGR's Deputy Attorney General for Regional Control, Criminal Prosecutions and Appeals (Subprocurador de Control Regional, Procesos Penales y Amparo) in conjunction with the National Association of Attorneys General in Arizona in December. Lic. Molina shared newly-appointed Mexican Federal Attorney General Arturo Chavez Chavez's concern and focus on addressing the lawlessness and catastrophic effects of the cartels functioning in Mexico. He asked the State Attorneys General to provide issue-focused assistance as expediently as possible. CWAG State AG's responded by assembling an experienced team of prosecutors, with expertise in money laundering and asset forfeiture.

CWAG has been invited to provide training to an estimated 50 PGR personnel on these issues in April in Mexico City.

CWAG Attorneys General have become regular guests of our counterparts in the Mexican States. Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto lead a visit to the PGR in October offering CWAG assistance in training Mexican law enforcement personnel and working collaboratively on the issues of drug, money and weapons trafficking along with the accompanying scourge of human trafficking. AG Cortez Masto met with PGR Anti-Cartel Chief Marisela Morales Ibañez (Titular de la Subprocuraduría de Investigación Especializada en Delincuencia Organizada) and other PGR and Department of Finance Intelligence Unit officials. She also met with the directors of Mexico's National Association of Attorneys General (Conferencia Nacional de Procuración de Justicia, CNPJ), Dra. Erika Santoyo Morales y Lic. Moisés Bolaños Bonilla, and the PGR Coordinator of Forensic Services, Miguel Oscar Aguilar Ruiz. The CNPJ has been instrumental in expanding the AG relationships with their Mexican counterparts.



Capacity Building for Mexican Justice Professionals

CWAG continues with the planning, organization and delivery of our capacity building seminars for professionals working in the Mexican criminal justice system, in support of its constitutional reform to an oral, adversarial system.

Prosecutors and Investigators: The Attorney General's offices of the states of Nevada and Oregon hosted trainings during the quarter. Over 70 Mexican law enforcement officials participated. Tools and techniques which support successful prosecutions in an adversarial justice system were discussed, modeled and practiced. Experienced U.S. law enforcement and prosecution officials shared information on a variety of topics. Investigators received lectures and practice on crime scene management, from responding to the initial call to writing case reports to presenting oral testimony in court. Prosecutors learned the basics of oral advocacy, and practiced handling a case from opening statements to closing arguments, including direct and cross-examination of witnesses.





Judicial: CWAG has worked with the National Judicial College in Reno to begin curriculum development for a Judicial Training Course to assist Mexican judges with courtroom management issues related to an oral advocacy system. We have recruited two nationally respected, bilingual judges with experience lecturing in Mexico and other Latin American countries on various aspects of judicial reform, to assist with program development.

Forensics: The forensic training and technical assistance element of our programming is now underway. CWAG has contracted with well-known forensic science expert, Lance Gima, Chief (retired) Bureau of Forensic Services, California Department of Justice. With many years of experience, Lance is able to identify and assemble the resources most needed by forensic laboratory directors and personnel in Mexico. A biographical summary is attached.

In November, Lance and Susan Lustig, Alliance Partnership Administrative Director, were invited to address the 17th Meeting of the Expert Witness Services and Forensic Science National Working Group in Mérida, Yucatán. The meeting was an invaluable opportunity to establish personal connections in forensic laboratories across Mexico, and to discover what topics are of concern to the forensic science community in Mexico. This information will help guide future course planning and development in the Forensic Program.

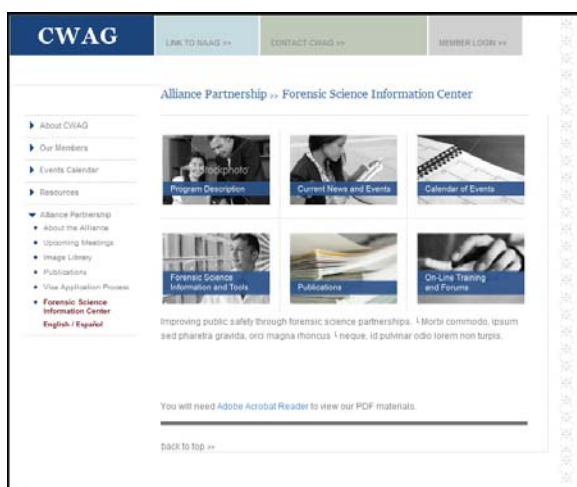
Also in November, Lance also convened an organizational meeting to begin collaboration on establishing a unified or interactive Missing Persons DNA Database. Focused on the border states and based on the premise that DNA is an excellent tool for identifying remains found on both sides of the border, the initial meeting was held in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, with representatives from Chihuahua and Baja California. Minutes of the meeting outlining the goals and needs of the project are attached, and a follow up meeting is being scheduled.



In December, Lance represented CWAG at a meeting in Washington, D.C., with the Director of the forensic science unit of the International Criminal Investigative and Training Assistance Program (ICITAP). The purpose of the meeting was to inform each other of their specific projects or activities in Mexico and to coordinate efforts when possible. Attending the meeting were representatives from ATF, the FBI, ICE, OPDAT (Office of Overseas Prosecutorial

Development Assistance Training program), DEA and CWAG. A detailed meeting report is attached.

Under Lance's guidance, CWAG is developing a bilingual website to serve as the premier Spanish-language resource for Mexican forensic scientists. Development efforts have included website design as well as gathering and translating scientific content for the site. Additionally, CWAG has negotiated the rights to translate and offer several forensics courses online, including DNA for Prosecutors, DNA for Investigators, Ballistics for Prosecutors and Ballistics for Investigators. Currently being translated by court-certified interpreters with appropriate experience in scientific and forensic subjects, these courses will allow for widespread access to this valuable forensic information by essentially all Mexican state Attorney General's Office personnel. Other courses are being considered for future offerings.



Future Partnerships and Programming

Our next quarter will continue with 3 trainings in which at least 115 representatives from Mexican state Attorney General's Offices will experience CWAG's programming. We will also continue to bring program efforts from this quarter to fruition, and lay plans for trainings throughout the fiscal year. Several exciting endeavors are being developed which enlist the expertise and resources of a variety of institutions and people. A schedule of planned and proposed trainings is attached; as this is a fluid process, please contact CWAG for the latest scheduling information at any time.

Outreach to potentially collaborative organizations has been a primary focus of CWAG Administrative Director Susan Lustig in this quarter.

- CWAG has met with staff from NORCOM in Denver, Colorado, to share information on trainings they will be hosting for Mexican military prosecutors. NORCOM has eagerly digested the CWAG training materials and reportedly have been adapting them for their trainings.

- CWAG has contacted both the University of San Diego in California and the Northwestern School of Law in Illinois and have discussed holding programs at these facilities utilizing both AG and University faculty.
- CWAG has worked with the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, D.C., and set a forum for discussion among State and Federal Law Enforcement officials.
- CWAG is meeting with the Border Governor's Security Roundtable to discuss law enforcement communication and collaboration opportunities.
- CWAG is in communication with the American Bar Association's Rule of Law program, considering ways to coordinate efforts to offer In Country programs supporting reform efforts.

With the support of USAID, CWAG has been able to cultivate a wide range of contacts interested in supporting justice reform efforts in Mexico. CWAG has tried to gather and share program information through the Alliance Partnership website, accessible at www.cwgaweb.org/ap. (Portions of the site are password-protected, due to security concerns. Access instructions are attached.)

CWAG continues to be a proud partner in this historic effort. Our interest lies in listening to the legal needs expressed by our counterparts in Mexico and connecting those requests with experts in the respective areas. CWAG is the grateful recipient of the abiding support of our member Attorneys General and the intelligent, passionate and committed CWAG Alliance Partnership staff.

Idaho and New Mexico AG's Participate in International Conference on Criminal Justice

On Monday, January 25, 2010, Idaho Attorney General, Lawrence Wasden, and New Mexico Attorney General, Gary King, along with staff of the Conference of Western Attorneys General (CWAG) and the Council of State Governments – WEST (CSG-WEST), participated in the International Conference on Criminal Justice that convened in Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico. The Conference, which was organized by the Baja California Attorney General, Rommel Moreno Manjarrez, provided Attorneys General Wasden and King an opportunity to provide their perspectives and experiences regarding the adversarial system of justice in the United States.

The Conference was convened in anticipation of Baja California's impending implementation of phased judicial reforms this spring in several of the state's major cities. These reforms include the transition from a written, inquisitorial system of justice to an adversarial process that will incorporate, among other things, oral trials to a three-judge panel and alternative means of conflict resolution in criminal proceedings.

NATIONAL LIETENANT GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION

Summary

The National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) is engaged in the US-Mexico State Alliance partnership to strengthen state legislative – executive branch capacities and roles in Mexico in the arena of economic prosperity. This is to be achieved through consideration of binational exchanges, establishment of new mechanisms of cooperation, possible forums, the promotion of mutually-beneficial dialogue, and by providing opportunities for on-going interaction. The NLGA maintains this program with a \$25,000 per year subaward.

Engagement

The NLGA engaged with the State Alliance and Mexican counterparts as participants in the Americas 2020 conference November 6 – 7, 2010, in Texas. Nevada Lt. Governor Brian Krolicki shared remarks on bilateral trade and logistics, and the value of the Alliance overall. He is a multi-year participant of the Alliance having served as State Treasurer previously and engaged in missions in that role. Lt. Governor Krolicki and NLGA Director Julia Hurst met with USAID’s Liz Bauch at the conference and agreed to focus NLGA’s economic work around the topic of renewable energy.

Research

In this quarter, the NLGA Director engaged in more than 100 hours of study and research on the topic, with an eye toward the comparative energy systems of the two countries. This research is to lay a foundation for planning a successful mission and all the time was donated by NLGA to the project and its grant. At the suggestion of Ms. Bauch, NLGA is exploring the possibility of a brief paper on this topic. The NLGA is currently seeking a list of renewable energy laws or incentives passed by the Mexican states.

Planning

Based on ideas gained from engagement in the Americas 2020 meeting, the NLGA gained confirmations from the Ambassadors from both Mexico and Canada to the United States to appear together with all U.S. lieutenant governors. They will interactively discuss “North American Trade and Transit” in March of 2010 as part of the NLGA Federal-State Relations meeting in Washington D.C. NLGA is tentatively exploring the possibility of an exchange by mid-year, most likely to Mexico City.

During this period, the NLGA Director also participated in one planning call with USAID and Abt Associates on the chosen topic of renewable energy. Finally, the NLGA Director is planning a personal vacation to Baja California Sur in March (personal time, personal cost). This location was booked solely as a decision to support these grant efforts. The experience will

arm NLGA staff with first-hand knowledge of travel, entry, and locales from which to provide best guidance to members for future exchanges.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE TREASURERS

Treasurer Ebersole Travel to Mexico

On October 3, 2009, Georgia Treasurer Dan Ebersole – at his own expense – traveled to Mexico for a personal event. While there, he renewed his relationships with Treasurer Suarez, Revenue Director Angula, and others.

On-going Development

Strategic discussions between NAST Leadership and USAID have been ongoing to determine best mechanisms for re-energizing Mexican treasurers and expand value of program. In the early spring of 2010, NAST and CSG will work together to develop the next phase of the NAST binational exchanges.

WOODROW WILSON INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR SCHOLARS

The Woodrow Wilson Center Mexico Institute is a member of the U.S.-Mexico State Alliance Partnership, which is coordinated by the Council of State Governments-West. During the current reporting period, October 1 through December 31, 2009, the Mexico Institute was not required to complete a specific function or condition as a member of the partnership. Nevertheless the Mexico Institute did during this period advance the objectives of the partnership informally and in preparation for future partnership activities, as detailed below.

OCTOBER 2009

- Submitted for review and discussion the preliminary draft report, "Border Policy Options," which compiled policy considerations gleaned from U.S.-Mexico State Alliance Partnership-sponsored research over summer and fall 2009 on the following issues: transportation infrastructure; the environment, natural resources, and energy; security; research and education; economic competitiveness; and, immigration.
- Performed follow-up related to the Alliance Partnership-funded conference, "Border Transportation and Infrastructure Coordination," held at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars on September 24, 2009.

NOVEMBER 2009

- Created a "Border Events" Google calendar and distributed this electronic calendar to Alliance partners at Arizona State University (NACTS) and the Council of State Governments-West. The calendar intends to compile border-related events taking place in

2010 by both Alliance partners and others, to assist with planning purposes and to gain more knowledge about border-related events in North America.

- Publicized the U.S.-Mexico State Alliance Partnership, as well as the work of Alliance partners Border Legislative Conference and Alliance coordinator Council of State Governments-West, at a private meeting with Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto, a member of the Alliance partner Conference of Western Attorneys General (CWAG), in Washington, D.C., on November 5.
- Created a "U.S.-Mexico Border Topic Page" on the Mexico Institute website, www.wilsoncenter.org/mexico. Featured on the topic page is an event announcement and agenda for the Alliance partnership event, "Border Transportation and Infrastructure Coordination," held at the Wilson Center in September. In the event entry, the Border Legislative Conference and Council of State Governments-West are prominently mentioned.

DECEMBER 2009

- Began discussions with Alliance coordinator Council of State Governments-West and Alliance member Conference of Western Attorneys General on hosting a CWAG delegation at the Wilson Center, in late winter 2010. Preparations centered on a program involving a private meeting with the CWAG delegation of state attorneys general and potentially a high-ranking Department of Justice representative, as well as a public conference featuring four southwestern attorneys general to discuss U.S.-Mexico border issues and concerns.

ASU'S NORTH AMERICAN CENTER FOR TRANSBORDER STUDIES

October 2009

- Consulted with CSG-WEST on additional speakers for the North American Summit. Finalized the participation of ASU Geography professor Mike Pasqualetti to speak on energy interdependence issues at the Summit.
- Circulated first draft of full report to BLC members, Border Governors Conference environmental work table members, EPA and SEMARNAT.
- Attended EPA/SEMARNAT Border 2012 National Coordinators' Meeting and present advances on project to Border 2012 Waste Tire Forum together with CA Sen. Denise Ducheny.
- Incorporated suggestions from October round of report feedback in Phase I report to be presented at BLC meeting in November.

November 2009

- NACTS Board of Advisors Chair Raul Rodriguez, Director Rick Van Schoik and Associate Director Erik Lee participated as moderators during CSG-WEST/TDOT Americas 2020 Summit in San Antonio.

- November 6: Associate Director Erik Lee presented Phase I report to BLC membership at Border Legislative Conference 20th Legislative Forum meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Research team members Erin Maupin and Israel Diaz Arcos also participated.
- November 18: NACTS submitted draft of BLC/NACTS statement of work for Phase II

December 2009

- Presented Phase I report at Environment and Transportation committees at the winter plenary session of the Arizona Mexico Commission and the Comisión Sonora Arizona.
- Developed format for new NACTS policy analysis review series using waste tire legislation executive summary as prototype.
- Produced NACTS Policy Analysis Review 5 –Assessing Scrap Tire Legislation in the U.S.-Mexico Border States.