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A REPORT FROM THE GREAT LAKES ST. LAWRENCE
GOVERNORS & PREMIERS

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CHAIR'S LETTER

I am honored to serve as the new Chair of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers. It is a privilege to work with our Vice Chair, Governor Mike DeWine of Ohio, on our shared agenda to protect 20% of the world's surface freshwater and grow our \$6 trillion regional economy.

This June we will welcome our fellow Governors and the Premiers of Ontario and Québec to a leadership summit in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This will be the first opportunity for Milwaukee to host this event since 2005. We look forward to showcasing the city's status as a global hub for water innovation and technology, and meeting with one another and our regional partners.

The road ahead will bring many challenges, but by working together, we can successfully tackle issues like protecting and restoring our waters, energizing our regional economy, growing maritime trade, and boosting tourism. The summit will be an important time to discuss these challenges and launch our plans for action.

We thank our predecessors, especially, former Governor Snyder for his organizational leadership, and greatly appreciate the ongoing commitment by our many partners across the region.



—Tony Evers
Chair, Great Lakes St.
Lawrence Governors &
Premiers
Governor, State of Wisconsin

THE FUTURE OF MARITIME TECHNOLOGY ON DISPLAY



This winter, scientists and researchers from Michigan Technological University and the University of Michigan conducted the inaugural test at the Marine Autonomy Research Site in Houghton, Michigan. The experiment aimed to help develop a next generation autonomous control system capable of replicating decisions made by an experienced navigator. The United States Coast Guard supported this test by providing subject matter expertise as well as safety planning guidance.

More recently, on April 12, maritime leaders from across the region gathered in Montréal for a binational dialogue focused on creating a "Smart Great Lakes St. Lawrence Economic Corridor." Speakers included representatives from the states of Michigan and Wisconsin, Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority, Port of Montréal, Réseau Québec Maritime, and Transport Canada. The dialogue focused on ways that governments, ports, industry and other partners are preparing for smart ports, smart ships, and smart supply chains.



GSGP LEADS TRADE MISSION TO SOUTH AMERICA

GSGP led a successful trade mission to Brazil and Colombia from March 23-30. The delegation included 11 companies from Illinois, Michigan, New York, and Ohio. Sectors represented included aviation, wastewater, communications, logistics, medical IT, agricultural equipment, forensics, and online retail.

Interested in expanding your sales to Australia?

GSGP's next trade mission will visit Australia from November 11-17, 2019. To learn more click [HERE](#).



GSGP mission participants traveled to São Paulo, Brazil, and Bogotá, Colombia.

WATER MANAGEMENT

REGIONAL BODY AND COMPACT COUNCIL TO MEET IN INDIANAPOLIS

On June 27, the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Regional Body (Regional Body) and the Great Lakes St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Council (Compact Council) will meet in Indianapolis, Indiana. These meetings will be open to the public and the program is expected to include an update on the regional science strategy and the second phase of updated procedures for reviewing diversion proposals. Additional information will be made available prior to the meetings.



CRUISING

“CRUISE THE GREAT LAKES” MEMBERS CONVENE IN CLEVELAND

On March 11-12, Cruise the Great Lakes members and partners convened for the partnership’s first board meeting in Cleveland. Cruise the Great Lakes is the cruise marketing initiative focused on bringing new customers to the region. Dave Lorenz, Vice President of Travel Michigan, serves as the organization’s chair. The meeting included presentations from the Port of Cleveland, Destination Cleveland, and Visit Milwaukee, as well as cruise operators. An exciting program of events and marketing activities is planned for the coming year.



Local residents welcome a cruise ship to Cleveland. Photo courtesy of Blount Small Ship Adventures

TOURISM

GREAT LAKES USA TRAVELS TO GERMANY FOR ITB

Great Lakes USA traveled to Berlin, Germany, to exhibit at ITB, the largest travel trade show in Europe. During the show the group met with Aer Lingus to discuss its new service to Minneapolis-St. Paul and the possibility of adding more gateways in the Great Lakes region.



GLUSA and Aer Lingus representatives at ITB.



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