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NEWS MEDIA ADVISORY

**GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE GOVERNORS TO GATHER
TO ADVANCE THE REGIONAL ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT**

Who: Governor Tony Evers of Wisconsin
Governor Mike DeWine of Ohio
Governor Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan
Governor Tim Walz of Minnesota
Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul of New York
Transportation Minister Chantal Rouleau of Québec
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Rod Phillips of Ontario
Other State and Provincial Leaders

What: Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers
2019 Leadership Summit

When: Friday, June 14 – Saturday, June 15

Where: Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Discovery World Science & Technology Center, and Pfister Hotel

**A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE DISCOVERY WORLD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
CENTER, 500 N. HARBOR DRIVE, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, IN THE AMPHITHEATRE.**

Friday, June 14--2:30 p.m. CDT

Registration for interactive participation:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4249924001935220747>

Call in (Listen Only) Canada: 647/497-9368

Call in (Listen Only) U.S.: 213/929-4221

Confirmation Code: 145-121-052

**THE FOLLOWING EVENT IS ALSO OPEN TO THE PRESS AND WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE DISCOVERY
WORLD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY CENTER, 500 N. HARBOR DRIVE, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, IN
THE PILOT HOUSE**

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Discovery World Harbor

Autonomous Ship Demonstration

The next generation of marine technology is here! Come see a demonstration of the L3 Technologies C-Worker 5 unmanned ship which can be operated fully autonomously. Smart ship technologies are revolutionizing waterborne transportation and this is your chance to see this cutting-edge vessel in action and talk to leading experts. The region’s Smart Ships Coalition, launched by the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers and partners, is helping to establish our region as a global center of excellence.

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE ALSO OPEN TO THE PRESS AND WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE PFISTER HOTEL, 424 E. WISCONSIN AVENUE, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.

Saturday, June 15—9:00 a.m.-4:15 p.m. CDT

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
Grand Ballroom

Opening plenary session

Welcome to Milwaukee
Tribal Invocation: Ned Daniels, Jr., Chairman, Forest County Potawatomi Community
Welcoming remarks by Governor Evers

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Grand Ballroom

Impact Investment Platform: Harnessing Private Capital and Ideas for Public Impact

Moderator: Leigh Whelpton, Program Director, The Conservation Finance Network
Speakers: Richard Bowman, Director of Government Relations, The Nature Conservancy Michigan;
Kevin Shafer, Executive Director, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District;
Todd Appel, Managing Director, Quantified Ventures

The Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers, in collaboration with a multidisciplinary project team, is developing the Great Lakes Impact Investment Platform as a new structure to encourage environmentally sustainable economic growth. The Platform features various investment strategies that contribute to the vitality of the region’s waters and generate competitive, market-based financial returns.

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Grand Ballroom

Governor DeWine Remarks

10:45 a.m. –11:45 a.m.
Grand Ballroom

Growing a Stronger and More Sustainable Regional Maritime System

Moderator: Marc Gagnon, Director, Government Affairs & Regulatory Compliance, Fednav Limited
Speakers: Dave Lorenz, Chair, Cruise the Great Lakes;
Lieutenant Colonel Greg Turner, Detroit District Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers;
Wim Dillen, International Development Manager, Port of Antwerp

Maritime commerce has been a historical backbone for the region's \$6 trillion economy. What are we doing to strengthen and grow the sector, while making it more sustainable?

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Grand Ballroom

Governor Whitmer Remarks

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Imperial Ballroom

Lunch

The Region's Energy Future

Speakers: Paul Spicer, Senior Vice President—Power Generation, WEC Energy Group;
Chris Fralick, Chief Operating Officer of Renewable Generation Portfolio, Ontario Power Generation

Reliable, cost-effective power is critical to the region's economy, while also being a major engine for jobs. This session will focus on the region's energy future including the role of renewables, opportunities to grow employment in this sector and strategies for success.

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Grand Ballroom

Managing Our Shared Waters

Introduction: Mary Mertz, Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Speaker: Peter Annin, Author—The Great Lakes Water Wars, and Director of the Burke Center for Freshwater Innovation, Northland College

In 1985, the Great Lakes Governors and Premiers signed the Great Lakes Charter in the Pfister Hotel's Grand Ballroom. Twenty years later, they signed the "Great Lakes Compact" and the companion agreement in the same Grand Ballroom. Mr. Annin will speak about this history and the importance of working together to manage the use of our shared waters.

1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Grand Ballroom

Protecting and Restoring Our Waters

Moderator: Colleen Callahan, Director, Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Speakers: Radhika Fox, Chief Executive Officer, US Water Alliance;

Liesl Clark, Director, Michigan Department of Environment,
Great Lakes, and Energy;
Molly Flanagan, Vice President, Alliance for the Great Lakes

The Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers have worked together for more than 30 years to protect and restore our waters. This session will focus on what we have accomplished, what we have learned and must be done going forward to benefit future generations.

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Grand Ballroom

Governor Walz Remarks

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Grand Ballroom

The Role of Foundations in Protecting and Restoring Our Region's Environment

Moderator: Vicki Elkin, Executive Director, Fund for Lake Michigan

Speakers: Neil Hawkins, President, Fred A. & Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation;

Neal Hegarty, Vice President, CS Mott Foundation;

David Rankin, Executive Director, Great Lakes Protection Fund

The region's key Foundations and endowments are critical for advancing the region's environmental protection goals. Foundation leaders will discuss their water-related priorities and opportunities for collaboration with the region's elected leaders.

PHOTOS FROM THE PRESS CONFERENCE AS WELL AS FROM OTHER LEADERSHIP SUMMIT EVENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT <http://www.gsgp.org/events/governors-and-premiers-meetings/2019-governors-and-premiers-leadership-summit/2019-leadership-summit-photos/>

Additional information is available at www.gsgp.org

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