

*November 10, 2010*

## **McQueen to promote Alberta's energy sector in Anchorage**

*Edmonton...* Alberta Energy's parliamentary assistant Diana McQueen will promote Alberta as a leading source of secure energy at a conference in Anchorage, Alaska.

McQueen, MLA for Drayton Valley-Calmor, will speak on Alberta's role in the North American energy sector at the annual Alaska Resource Development Council Conference November 16 to 18. She will also discuss Alaska-Alberta relations and the proposed Alaska gas pipeline with members of industry, legislators and other Alaskan officials.

The conference is expected to attract 1,000 attendees and is the premier event for the resource development industry in Alaska. The conference provides an opportunity to advance Alberta's clean energy messaging in Alaska and reinforce the value of the Alaska natural gas pipeline tying into the Alberta Hub.

"By sharing our knowledge of the energy sector with Alaskan officials, we can strengthen our bilateral ties and create an even stronger partnership with our northern neighbour," said McQueen.

Responsible energy development is part of the Government of Alberta's clear plan to support a strong economic recovery. *The Way Forward* will ensure Alberta is in a surplus position by 2012; uses cash reserves to protect key programs; continues to invest in public infrastructure; and attracts the investment necessary to maintain jobs and prosperity.

The estimated cost for McQueen's mission to Alaska is \$2800.

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**Backgrounder:** Alaska Mission Itinerary

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## Alaska mission itinerary\*

### Tuesday, November 16

- Travel to Anchorage, Alaska

### Wednesday, November 17

Attend Resource Development Council's 31st Annual Conference

Sessions include:

- A Case Study in Improving Alaska's Investment Climate
- Alaska Industry 2010 Year in Review and 2011 Outlook
- Progressing a Sustainable Oil and Gas Business in Alaska
- Eni Petroleum and Nikaitchuq Project update
- Arctic Exploration - The New Reality
- An Outlook for Global Energy and North American Gas
- The Alaska Oil and Gas Industry: Challenges to a Sustainable Future
- The Future of the Alaska OCS?
- North American Energy Security
  - Diana McQueen will participate in a panel session and deliver a speech about Alberta's role in North American energy security.

### Thursday, November 18

Attend Resource Development Council's 31st Annual Conference

Sessions include:

- Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects
- The Alaska Pipeline Project: A Joint Project of TransCanada and ExxonMobil
- Denali - The Alaska Pipeline
- Alaska's Future Economy
- TAPS and Alyeska's Readiness to Apply Ingenuity to the Challenges Ahead
- National Oceans Policy
- How Labour Can Influence Access to Mew Resource Development
- Balancing the Risk Between Developers and NGOs

Travel to Edmonton

*\*This itinerary is tentative and subject to change.*

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