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Parliamentary assistant Johnson to promote Alberta

Will participate in a mission to Louisiana with members from the Alberta Industrial Heartland Association

Edmonton... Jeff Johnson, Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury Board (Oil Sands Sustainable Development Secretariat) and MLA for Athabasca-Redwater, will promote Alberta as a leading source of secure energy in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, February 21 to 25.

“Alberta continues to be a leader in responsible energy development and it is important to share our story,” said Johnson. “The Baton Rouge region of Louisiana is the second largest refining centre in North America and is responsible for more than 25 per cent of America’s petrochemical production. There are 65 facilities in the region and there is much to learn from both government and industry officials.”

Johnson will be travelling with members of Alberta’s Industrial Heartland Association to learn how to better accomplish responsible development and advance the petrochemical industry. Greater economic relationships are also being sought between Louisiana’s petrochemical sector and the greater Edmonton region.

The delegation will meet with state officials to discuss environmental issues and controls, regional transportation planning and government taxation and incentive programs for investment. The group will also tour the region and industrial developments and participate in a number of facility tours.

The estimated cost of travel and accommodation for Johnson is about \$4,000.

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Backgrounder: Itinerary

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Louisiana Mission Itinerary*

Monday, February 21

- Travel to Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tuesday, February 22

- Meet with officials from the greater Baton Rouge Civic Region
- Meet with Louisiana state officials to discuss environmental challenges and controls, regional transportation planning, government investment incentive programs

Wednesday, February 23

- Tour logistical facilities in the region including the main CN rail centre
- Overview tour of region and industrial development

Thursday, February 24

- Meet with the Louisiana Petrochemical Association
- Meet industry leaders and tour three facilities

Friday, February 25

- Depart for Edmonton

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

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