

## Shared Responsibilities-Shared Prosperity & “Good Neighbor Awards” Gala

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Washington, DC – The U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual conference on U.S.-Mexico relations June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Due to the current state of the global economy, there will be a panel on Medical Tourism and Tourism Development, and another which discusses Infrastructure and Energy Security. The focus of the second half of the conference is the Merida Initiative, due to increasing needs for national security, especially in the border region. There will be a panel to discuss the past, present and future of U.S.-Mexico Security Cooperation, as well as the chance for our members and guests to hear about specific plans and projects directly from the executives who are involved in this bilateral initiative.

**When:** Wednesday, June 24, 2009

7:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

**Where:** Organization of American States

17th Street and Constitution Ave., N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20006

The “Good Neighbor Awards” black tie gala recognizes committed leaders and their contributions to economic, political and social development resulting in region-wide improvements in the lives of the people of North America. This year the Chamber will honor:

- The Honorable Janet Napolitano, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security , and ex-governor of the State of Arizona
- Ricardo Salinas Pliego, President & CEO, Grupo Salinas

**When:** Thursday, June 25, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Where:** Nationals Park Conference Center

1500 S. Capitol St, S.E.

Washington, D.C. 20020

**Invited Speakers:**

- Oscar Fitch Gomez, Director General, Mexico’s Tourism Board
- Kristina M. Johnson, Under Secretary of Energy
- Deborah Kennedy-Iraheta, Acting Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, USAID
- Alan Bersin, Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Special Representative for Border Affairs, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Alex Lee, Office Director of Mexican Affairs, U.S. Department of State
- Ambassador Cris Arcos, Former Assistant Secretary, International Affairs, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

These panels will afford our members and conference participants a unique opportunity to hear a variety of perspectives directly from top-level executives and federal employees.

For further information and to register online: <http://www.usmcc.org/>

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