The State of Texas

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The Texas-Mexico Strategic Investment Commission

September 20, 2007
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Rudder Building (11th at Brazos)
Nell Hays Conference Room (4th Floor)

AGENDA

I.   10:00 a.m.   Welcome & Introductions

II.   10:10 a.m.   Discussion regarding the following legislative mandates of the Texas-Mexico Strategic Investment Commission:

1.) Represent government agencies within the Texas-Mexico border region to help reduce regulations by improving communication and cooperation between federal, state, and local governments.
2.) Examine trade issues between the United States and Mexico.
3.) Study the flow of commerce at ports of entry between this state and Mexico, including the movement of commercial vehicles across the border, and establish a plan to aid that commerce and improve the movement of those vehicles.
4.) Work with federal officials to resolve transportation issues involving infrastructure, including roads and bridges, to allow for the efficient movement of goods and people across the border between Texas and Mexico.
5.) Work with federal officials to create a unified federal agency process to streamline border crossing needs.
6.) Identify problems involved with border truck inspections and related trade and transportation infrastructure.
7.) Work to increase funding for the North American Development Bank to assist in the financing of water and wastewater facilities.
8.) Explore the sale of excess electric power from Texas to Mexico;
9.) Identify areas of environmental protection that need to be addressed cooperatively between Texas and the Mexican states.
10.) Identify common challenges to health care on which all states can collaborate.

11.) Develop recommendations, when possible, for addressing border challenges.

III.   12:50 p.m.   Closing Remarks/Wrap-up
    1.)   Next meeting date
    2.)   Collect sign-in sheets