



Logistics Industry

2012/13 ACTION AGENDA

Advocacy

- *Peace Bridge* – Implement pre-clearance of commercial traffic entering the United States (federal)
- *Harbor Maintenance Tax* – Opposition to “HMT” on trucks entering the U.S. from Canada (federal)
- *Peace Bridge* – Implementation of U.S. plaza improvements (state)
- *Thruway Tolls* – Opposition to proposed 45% increase on trucks (state)
- *Continental 1* – Restoration of funding for SEIS (state)
- *Ton Mileage Tax* – Repeal of levy applying to vehicles with maximum gross weight of at least 18,000 lbs. operating in NYS (state)

Buffalo Niagara International Trade Gateway Initiative

- Logistics Council to take leadership role in organizing the conversation and implementing the action plan surrounding the development of an International Trade Gateway in Buffalo Niagara
- Develop consensus short- and long-term plans among stakeholders for development of the International Trade Gateway
- Maintain communication with WNY Regional Economic Development Council
- Advocate for public-private implementation of the International Trade Gateway plan, including any requests for funding

Great Lakes Metro Chambers Coalition (GLMCC)

- Creation of the web-based “scorecard” on initiatives related to the Beyond-the-Border Accord and Regulatory Cooperation Council (partnership with U.S. Chamber of Commerce and other U.S. and Canadian partners)
- Successful advocacy on GLMCC border policy initiatives
- Begin to organize conversation surrounding transportation funding mechanisms for 2014 re-authorization of the Federal transportation bill

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Employer Outreach

- Engage in regular outreach visits with logistics industry employers to ensure Partnership activities are aligned with the needs and opportunities of our members