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Midwestern governors announce new leadership

Washington, D.C- The Midwestern Governors Association (MGA) announced its new leadership this week. Wisconsin Gov. Jim Doyle will serve as chair and South Dakota Gov. Mike Rounds as vice-chair. Together, Doyle and Rounds will lead the efforts of the 12-state bipartisan organization to work cooperatively on important issues facing the Midwest.

“I am honored and excited to be asked by my fellow governors to lead the Midwestern Governors Association,” said Doyle. “Midwestern governors are known to be innovative problem-solvers and are always looking for new ways to make state government more efficient and effective. Whether it is increasing the production and consumption of biofuels, working to reform healthcare or protecting our environment, governors are at the forefront of solving these realworld problems.”

“I look forward to working with my fellow Midwestern governors on issues critical to our region. I am confident that together we can continue to make the Midwest the best place in the country to live,” said Rounds.

Doyle serves as chair until his term expires in February 2008, at which point Rounds will assume the chairmanship for a term of one year.

The purpose of the Midwestern Governors Association is to foster regional development, attain greater efficiency in state administration, facilitate interstate cooperation and improve intergovernmental relationships, and to provide a medium for the exchange of views and experiences of subjects of general importance to the people of the Midwestern states.

In addition to Doyle and Rounds, the current members of the Midwestern Governors Association include: Gov. Rod Blagojevich (IL), Gov. Mitch Daniels (IN), Gov. Chet Culver (IA), Gov. Kathleen Sebelius (KS), Gov. Jennifer Granholm (MI), Gov. Tim Pawlenty (MN), Gov. Matt Blunt, (MO), Gov. Dave Heineman (NE), Gov. John Hoeven (ND), and Gov. Ted Strickland (OH).