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Midwestern Governors Association Announces Midwestern Investment Summit

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Registration Now Open

Washington, D.C. – The Midwestern Governors Association will hold an investment summit that explores ideas on how to increase the level of investments in the Midwest in areas related to the new energy economy. The investment summit, *Invest in the Midwest: We Make the Things that Power the World*, will take place in Columbus, Ohio on Sept. 21-22. The summit will focus on ways in which the investment community — including venture capitalists, angel investors and traditional financial institutions — can collaborate with regional business, government and non-profit leaders to maximize our region’s efforts to increase investment in the new energy economy.

As current chair of the MGA, Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland has focused on increasing investment capital opportunities for the Midwest’s small and mid-sized businesses.

The Midwest has the resources needed to lead the nation in the new energy economy, including a strong manufacturing and agri-business base.

“As a governor, I see firsthand how important investment capital is in attracting new businesses to Ohio. If we want to continue the Midwest’s progress in becoming a global leader in the new energy economy, we must find ways to increase investment opportunities into our region,” said Strickland. “I look forward to welcoming my fellow governors and other summit participants to Columbus for a productive discussion on how we can strengthen the Midwest as an innovator in energy development.”

The two-day meeting has two components. Day one will highlight governors’ vision for the region’s investment climate and introduce issues from Midwestern business leaders and other stakeholders. Registration for day one will be open to the public. Day two will be invitation only, with sessions that focus on developing a Midwestern investment strategy platform.

“Over the last three years, Midwestern governors have established aggressive, tangible goals in energy and job creation. Focusing on investment is the next logical step to position the Midwest in the new energy economy,” said Jesse Heier, Washington director of the MGA.

More information on the investment summit, including registration materials, is available at www.midwesterngovernors.org/investsummit.htm.

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