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***Gov. Quinn Announces Regional Focus on
Investment, Innovation and International Trade***

Washington, D.C. – Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn today announced his agenda as the 2011 Chair of the Midwest Governors Association (MGA). Quinn’s agenda, entitled *Advancing the Midwest’s New Energy Economy through Investment, Innovation and International Trade*, will promote job creation by capitalizing on the region’s strategic advantages in energy, manufacturing and the bioeconomy.

MGA Chair
Pat Quinn
Illinois

Mitch Daniels
Indiana

The MGA will continue to build on its energy, jobs and investment efforts with Quinn’s agenda focusing on:

Past Chair, 1987
Terry Branstad
Iowa

- Increasing Financial and Human Capital
- Advancing Innovative Technologies
- Increasing Midwestern Exports

Sam Brownback
Kansas

“Working as a region will help individual states to secure financing, to develop innovative technologies, and to ensure a thriving export market for Midwestern goods and services,” Quinn said. “By working together, we will help to create jobs throughout the Midwest.”

Rick Snyder
Michigan

Midwestern leaders from the private and public sectors will spearhead the agenda. By coming together, these stakeholders will develop and implement strategies to sustain economic growth, and to ensure the Midwest strengthens its position as a leader in building the new energy economy.

Mark Dayton
Minnesota

Jay Nixon
Missouri

The Chair’s agenda was announced at a meeting of Midwest governors in Washington, D.C. At the meeting, governors also heard from the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack, Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Fred Hochberg, and President of the Business Roundtable, and former Michigan Governor John Engler. These joint discussions helped provide a greater understanding of opportunities for the region.

John Kasich
Ohio

Quinn became Chair of the MGA in January 2011 and will serve until February 2012. For more information about Quinn’s agenda, visit www.midwesterngovernors.org/chairagenda.htm.

Dennis Daugaard
South Dakota

Scott Walker
Wisconsin