

# Mississippi River



## Cities & Towns Initiative Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO September 12-14, 2017



**NCEL**

National Caucus of  
Environmental Legislators

**Mayors of the Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative (MRCTI) will gather for their sixth Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO, this September 12-14.**

### *MRCTI Makes a Difference for our Cities*

Together, the cities of the Mississippi River have brought hundreds of millions of dollars back into the corridor; we have placed the waterway back on the national agenda; and we have created access for our cities to new opportunities.

### *Unity and Direction*

Our infrastructure needs are growing and we increasingly require access to resources for our critical services. Individually, the challenges we face get lost in the noise of other demands across the continent. However, as a cohesive region centered on 2,500 miles of indispensable waterway, our voice becomes strident and forceful. The MRCTI Annual Meeting gives us the opportunity to achieve joint objectives and a shared vision for our region and our corridor.

### *Access to Funding*

MRCTI can be a conduit to capture capital for the natural and built infrastructure demands our region faces. Gaining exponential exposure to and relations with the global investment community is a new benefit offered by MRCTI through a partnership that links our cities to a \$2 trillion global investment pool. Couple this with the several hundred million dollars we have secured in the last federal spending bill for programs that can help us, and we have an incredible opportunity.

### *Positioning our Region for Success*

We have crafted an agenda to position our region for success. Investment experts will be with us to link our cities to capital; we are partnering with the states to bring federal resources into our corridor through a partnership with the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators (NCEL); our Corporate Advisory Board will welcome new members; and federal agencies will introduce new grant opportunities.

Attendance to the MRCTI Annual Meeting is by invitation only. If you are interested in participating, please send inquiry to [cwellenkamp@mrcti.org](mailto:cwellenkamp@mrcti.org) listing your title, organization, and number in your party. We will endeavor to accommodate as many requests as we can, and we thank you for your interest.