Dear River Stakeholder:

Please join the mayors of the Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative (MRCTI) for our seventh Annual Meeting in the Quad Cities, this September 18-20.

Empower Your Organization with MRCTI
How do we develop, align, and fund projects critical to our built and natural infrastructure? Where do we go to strengthen our connection to resources and improve our chances for investment? Mayors are working to coordinate and answer all these questions to lift our region.

More Influence to Address our Needs
The MRCTI Annual Meeting gives participants the opportunity to achieve joint objectives and a shared vision. We can get lost in the national noise, or we can work to leverage the truly awesome power our region has to influence the American economy.

A Meeting Agenda Designed for Progress
We have crafted an agenda to position our region for success.

- the global Insurance Industry will join us to work to reduce our exposure to risk;
- the National Park & Recreation Association will present on making the most return from our parks;
- Dept. of Commerce will present a project on drought economic impacts to link us to recovery dollars;
- Further discussions will work to link cities to funding opportunities across the globe;
- our Corporate Advisory Board will welcome new members.

The Mayors’ effort is stronger and more involved than ever which indicates the strength of our corridor. The MRCTI Annual Meeting is where leaders can build on that strength and bring benefits home.

Guests may register on the MRCTI website. Host accommodations are being provided by the Hotel Blackhawk. A block of rooms at a reduced rate has been reserved under "Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative." Please visit the MRCTI website or call the hotel directly at (563) 322-5000.
Welcome to the Quad Cities!

Not one, but five cities greet you for this Annual Meeting. The Mayors of Davenport, Bettendorf, Moline, East Moline, and Rock Island have come together to make this MRCTI gathering a truly exceptional event spanning two states where the Mississippi River flows east to west and the region is united around the waterway.

Things Kick-Off at the River’s Edge

For the first time, our welcome reception and opening ceremonies will be entirely an outdoor event held at the River’s edge in the award-winning gem of the Mississippi, Schwiebert Riverfront Park (shown below) in Rock Island, IL.
On day 2, Quad City Mayors and the U.S. Army will welcome MRCTI guests to Quarters One at the Rock Island Arsenal and will commemorate Illinois 200th Anniversary with a cannon salute.

There’s more! The Annual Meeting Plenary Lunch will be held at the award winning Figge Art Museum in Davenport, IA.

To top it off, the excursion this year is a private cruise on Mayor Thoms’ yacht he has graciously donated for the Meeting. Mayors and their spouses only may join Captain Thoms on the Mississippi River, September 20. Space is limited; first-come, first-serve.

RSVP on-line at the link below.

Accommodations provided by the Hotel Blackhawk in Davenport, IA
(563) 322-5000