Governor Baker Releases Additional Information on 40th Conference of the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers

BOSTON – Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker today released additional information about the 40th Conference of the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers, to be held on August 28 and 29, 2016 in Boston.

The Conference will include an Opening Night Arrival Ceremony, Reception and Dinner at the Massachusetts State House featuring an array of Massachusetts vendors and performers. Governors and Premiers will gather for opening remarks and two Plenary Sessions on Emerging & Innovative Technologies and the Benefits and Importance of Diverse Energy Generation prior to a Concluding Press Conference and Reception. Governors and Premiers will also meet with United States Ambassador to Canada Bruce Heyman, Canadian Ambassador to the U.S. David MacNaughton and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Chairman Norman Bay.

Members of the media must register for accreditation for this conference is being done online and that registration is required. Further details are attached. A technical advisory will be issued for media wishing to cover the Opening Night Arrival Ceremony.

A list of Opening Night Reception Vendors and Performers is provided below.

**Sunday, August 28, 2016**

**Who:** New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers  
**What:** 40th Annual Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers  
Opening Night Arrival Ceremony  
**When:** 6:00 PM  
**Where:** Front Steps, State House  
**Press:** Photo Only – Technical Advisory to Follow

**Who:** New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers, Delegates, Vendors and Performers  
**What:** 40th Annual Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers  
Opening Night Reception and Dinner  
**When:** 6:00 PM  
**Where:** State House  
**Press:** Closed
Monday, August 29, 2016

Who: New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers, FERC Chairman Bay
What: 40th Annual Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers
Private Meeting
When: 9:10 AM
Where: Hynes Convention Center
Press: Closed

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What: 40th Annual Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers
Opening Remarks
When: 10:15 AM
Where: Hynes Convention Center – Ballroom A
Press: Open

Who: New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers, Speakers, Delegates
What: 40th Annual Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers
Plenary Session I: Emerging & Innovative Technologies
When: 10:25 AM
Where: Hynes Convention Center – Ballroom A
Press: Open

Plenary Session I Moderator: Dr. Ian Waitz, Dean of School of Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

Plenary Session I Guest Panelists:

- John Fernandez, Professor and Director of the Building Technology Program in the Department of Architecture from MIT
- Karen Gleason, Professor of Chemical Engineering in the Department of Chemical Engineering at the MIT
- Karim Zaghib, Director of Energy Storage at Institut de recherche d'Hydro-Québec
- Kristala Prather, Professor of Chemical Engineering and a biofuels expert at the MIT
- Stephen Pike, Interim CEO of Massachusetts Clean Energy Center

Who: New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers, U.S. Ambassador Bruce Heyman, Canadian Ambassador MacNaughton
What: 40th Annual Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers
Private Lunch
When: 12:30 PM
Where: Hynes Convention Center
Press: Closed
**Who:** New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers, Speakers, Delegates

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Plenary Session II: The Benefits and Importance of Diverse Energy Generation

**When:** 1:50 PM

**Where:** Hynes Convention Center – Ballroom A

**Press:** Open

**Plenary Session II Moderator:** Philippe Dunsky, President, Dunsky Energy Consulting

**Plenary Session II Guest Panelists:**

- Marcy Reed, President of National Grid Massachusetts
- Penni Mclean Conner, Chief Customer Officer and Senior Vice President of Customer Group for Eversource Energy
- Matthew Beaton, Massachusetts Secretary of Energy and Environment
- Michael Ahern, Director of Power Systems Engineering, WPI
- Austin Blackmon, Boston Chief of Environment and Energy

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**Who:** New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers

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Closing Business Session

**When:** 3:00 PM

**Where:** Hynes Convention Center – Ballroom A

**Press:** Open

**Who:** New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers

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Concluding Press Conference

**When:** 3:35 PM

**Where:** Hynes Convention Center – Ballroom C

**Press:** Open

**Who:** New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers

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Closing Reception

**When:** 6:00 PM

**Where:** Fenway Park

**Press:** Closed
Featured Massachusetts Vendors at Opening Night Reception:

- Wolf Meadow Farm, Amesbury
- Dove’s & Figs, Arlington
- Harpoon, Boston
- Allendale Farm, Brookline
- Saratoga Dressing, Canton
- Verrill Farm, Concord
- Shaw Farm, Dracut
- Night Shift Brewing, Everett
- Teddie Peanut Butter, Everett
- Mineral Hills Winery, Florence
- Ruggles Hill Creamery, Hardwick
- Stillman Quality Meats, Hardwick
- Mariner Biscuit Co., Hingham
- Effie’s Homemade, Hyde Park
- Appleton Farms, Ipswich
- Ipswich Ale Brewing, Ipswich
- Kettle Cuisine, Lynn
- New England Coffee, Malden
- Piantedosi Bakery, Malden
- Red Apple Farm, Phillipston
- Mayflower Brewing Company, Plymouth
- Mill River Winery, Rowley
- MarTia’s Cakes, Roxbury
- Samuel Adams, Roxbury
- Ward’s Berry Farm, Sharon
- Padanaram Wine Company, South Dartmouth
- Berkshire Brewing Company, South Deerfield
- Koffee Cup, Springfield
- CB Stuffer Chocolates, Swampscott
- India Cove Aquaculture, Wareham
- Wachusett Brewery, Westminster
- Cricket Creek Farm, Williamstown
- Smith’s Farmstead, Winchendon
- Polar Beverages, Worcester

Featured Massachusetts Performers and Presenters at Opening Night Reception:

- Department of Conservation and Recreation Mounted Unit
- From the Top String Quartet
- Lexington Minutemen
- Massachusetts State Police Color Guard
The Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers is an inter-regional, bi-national, trans-border organization established in 1973 in recognition of the special bond that exists between the six New England states and the five Eastern Canadian provinces. Its members are the governors and the premiers of those states and provinces. The meetings are held alternately in New England and Eastern Canada. The last meeting was held in St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador in 2015.

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