



Americas Roundtable series gathering notables

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The Americas Roundtable dialogue series will take place on July 6, 7, 8, 12 and 28 in the Ellie Caulkins Opera House, located in the Denver Performing Arts Complex in downtown Denver. The roundtable series is a primary component of the **Biennial of the Americas**.

Timed with the bicentennials in 2010 of Mexico, Argentina, Chile, and Colombia as well as the centennial of the Organization of American States, the Biennial of the Americas serves to promote cohesion and collaboration among the 35 countries of the Western Hemisphere.

The Americas Roundtable is comprised of seven sessions — on trade, education, energy and climate change, philanthropy, poverty reduction, health and women in leadership, as well as a Summit of Former Heads of State and a Bilateral Summit of Ambassadors.

Among the participants in The Americas Roundtable series will be U.S. Cabinet officers, including Labor Secretary **Hilda Solís** and Transportation Secretary **Ray LaHood**; 14 former heads of state, including President **Alejandro Toledo** of Peru and President **Vicente Fox** of Mexico; members of the diplomatic corps, including Canadian Ambassador **Gary Doer**, U.S. ambassador to Argentina **Vilma Martínez** and Panamanian Ambassador **Jaime Alemán**.

Scheduled for July 12, the Summit of Former Heads of State has received particular attention as one of the events of The Americas Roundtable. “Never before in the United States have so many former presidents from the Western Hemisphere appeared together, numbering 14 former heads of state in all,” the president of The Americas Roundtable, **Jim Polsfut**, said in a press release.

Tickets for the roundtable series are available on www.TicketHorse.com and are priced at \$12 for the general public, with discounts for seniors, students and members of the military. For descriptions of each roundtable, visit www.BiennialoftheAmericas.org.

Awards: **Phoenix Asset Management LLC** of Denver was awarded three Pinnacle Awards by **REO Insider** magazine, including first places for Best Overall Outsourcer and Best Closing Process, Outsourcer. It got a second place for Best Listing Practices, Outsourcer.

Hallgerd Eydal, a post-doctoral research scientist in Colorado School of Mines' Environmental Science and Engineering Department, was awarded a Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship from the European Union. She was granted approximately \$320,000 for two years of research at Mines to begin in mid-August. The third year of the work will be done at the University of Bergen, Norway. The work is to examine the microbial ecology and state of viruses in Yellowstone National Park's hot springs.

Soliant Health of Atlanta, one of the largest health care staffing companies in the country, ranked the **University of Colorado Hospital** in Aurora as No. 20 on its list of the "Top 20 Most Beautiful Hospitals in the U.S." The second annual rankings were compiled from more than 10,000 votes made by visitors to Soliant's website.

Done deals: **Produced Water Solutions Inc.** (PWS) of Denver, a technology-driven water purification and services provider to the oil and gas industry, was awarded a multiyear contract for its produced water-recycling mobile treatment system that will be operated in the Denver-Julesburg Basin of Colorado. Produced water recycling benefits oil and gas exploration by reducing operating costs while mitigating potential environmental impacts of production. PWS's mobile treatment systems treat contaminated production water, and enable its customers to recycle and re-use the water in the fracturing process, thereby minimizing the amount of fresh water used.

Romero & Wilson of Denver was selected by **Denver Transit Partners** to provide public relations, public involvement, marketing strategies and outreach for the recently announced Eagle P3 commuter rail project. Denver Transit Partners was awarded the single largest RTD FasTracks contract, Eagle P3, to build and operate commuter rail lines to Denver International Airport, Arvada-Wheat Ridge and south Westminster. Romero & Wilson will partner with **Aguilar Public Relations**, a subcontractor specializing in media relations and public relations strategies, as well as **Sara Fuentes**, owner of Denver Business Associates.

Aberdeen Construction Inc. of Denver was awarded the contract for the Volk Gym/Wind Tunnel project at the **Colorado School of Mines**. The \$725,000 project is due to be complete by early September. The project consists of a 3,587-square-foot wrestling practice room and a 2,786-square-foot wind tunnel research facility. The architect for the project is **Philip Greenberg, Architect**. Aberdeen also is handing the **University of Colorado Denver's** renovation of the fifth floor at 1800 Grant St.

Openings: **Marilee Utter**, president of Citiventure Associates, a Denver-based real estate consulting firm specializing in transit-oriented development and mixed-use development, and **Peter Bowes**, principal with Bowes and Company, a real estate appraiser and counselor, formed a new company, **P3West**. It will focus on the formation and implementation of private-public partnerships to create public infrastructure projects.