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"Discover China" with the Dayton Chamber of Commerce

From April 14 through April 22, 2010, the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce will be leading a group of business professionals and community members from the Dayton region for a nine day trip to four of the most exciting cities in China. The trip cost of \$1,999 per person includes round trip airfare from JFK to Beijing, all transportation, (air and ground) in China, trips to Shanghai, Suzhou, Hangzhou, as well as around Beijing, all hotel accommodations, all meals and admission to tourist attractions. This trip will be the ideal opportunity to learn about the culture and economy of China. An informational session for those interested in this trip will be held at **Noon on Thursday, November 19, 2009, in Room 208 of the Dayton Convention Center.** To RSVP for the informational session, or to learn more about how you can participate in this unique trip, please contact Stephanie Precht at 937.226.8277 or sprecht@dacc.org

Chamber Voices Concerns on Suspension of Tax Cut

The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce recently sent a letter to the Dayton region's Ohio Legislative Delegation voicing concerns about House Bill 318. H.B. 318 would freeze the final state income tax reduction that was initially implemented in H.B. 66 of the 126th General Assembly. The Dayton Chamber endorsed H.B. 66 in 2005 and has been a continued advocate of maintaining tax reform during subsequent state budget hearings over the past four years.

The Dayton Chamber's current advocacy efforts stated that if the final state income tax cut is postponed, thousands of Ohio's small businesses will be affected. Not only will they be paying additional taxes during the worst economic recession in 80 years, but those that are dependent on paying quarterly tax estimates throughout 2009 could owe thousands more when they file their taxes in 2010. It is clear that the 2005 reforms make it easier for businesses to come to Ohio, to stay here, to expand, and to retain and create jobs when the State of Ohio needs it most. In this current economic climate, the Dayton Chamber strongly believes that any measures taken that result in a negative impact on business and job growth in Ohio are the wrong measures to pursue.

Because of these reasons the Dayton Chamber is opposed to H.B. 318 and will be working towards its defeat.

Healthcare Reform Survey

The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce staff and members have been closely monitoring the federal healthcare reform debate in Washington, D.C. and its potential impact on the Dayton area business community. To better understand the Dayton business community's priorities on healthcare reform, we ask you to please fill out our healthcare reform survey. The survey only takes 5 minutes and it will provide the Chamber with valuable information as this legislation is debated. To access the survey, please [click here](#) to share your viewpoints on this critical issue.

Government Affairs Breakfast with Mike McConnell Former Director of National Intelligence

The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to host Mike McConnell, Senior Vice President with Booz Allen Hamilton and the former Director of National Intelligence under Presidents' Bush and Obama, at a Government Affairs Breakfast on Monday, November 9, 2009. Mr. McConnell's career has spanned over 40 years focusing on international developments and foreign intelligence issues. Over the past few years, Mr. McConnell's area of focus has been counter-terrorism, cyber security, counter-proliferation, and foreign intelligence. While managing the U.S. Intelligence Community, Mr. McConnell had extensive interactions with the White House, the President's Cabinet, the Congress, International Leaders, and the U.S. Business Community. Currently, Mr. McConnell leads the National Security Business unit of Booz Allen Hamilton. Due to the generous sponsorship of Booz Allen Hamilton, this event is complimentary for attendees. The event will take place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Dayton, with registration and networking beginning at 7:30 a.m. and the program to run from 8-9 a.m. To register for this event, please contact Melissa Rasnic at 937.226.8266 or mar@dacc.org Space is limited, so be sure to register in advance.

National Innovation Grant Engages Dayton Businesses in Improving Water Quality

One of 48 newly-announced *TogetherGreen* national innovation grants will enable the Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm to launch H2O Clean Ohio, a new program that will help the Dayton business community reduce polluted urban storm water runoff in southwest Ohio's Great Miami Watershed.

Common business practices conducted on land, including improper hazardous material storage, can allow pollution to easily enter the water supply. After an Ohio EPA assessment of the City of Dayton's key water source, it was discovered that it is highly susceptible to contamination from human activities.

This \$25,000 grant will power a partnership between Aullwood, the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, the Miami Conservancy District and the Ohio State University Extension Service to reduce storm water pollution through innovative community-based activities. Participants will first learn about best practices in turf management, material storage, and other topics through a series of educational seminars.

Then, building off the success of Aullwood's 2008 *TogetherGreen* Innovation Grant, which provided energy and waste audits to 14 small businesses, Aullwood and the Dayton Chamber of Commerce and the Dayton Regional Green Task Force will create a "Green Business" certification program. For more information on these initiatives, please contact Stephanie Precht at 937.226.8277 or sprecht@dacc.org

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