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West Virginia Business Hall of Fame
Nominations Open until November 30

Nominations for the West Virginia Business Hall of Fame are open through November 30, 2017.

The 2017 Business Hall of Fame awards were held at the Greenbrier Resort on the eve of the Annual Meeting and Business Summit, and next year's
Awards will take place at the same time and location - August 28, 2018.

W. Marston "Marty" Becker, the chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee stated, "The inductees who make up the West Virginia Business Hall of Fame as individuals who have positively molded the business climate in West Virginia through their successes in and outside of this state. Their accomplishments and successes have left an indelible impression on West Virginia, and the Hall of Fame’s purpose is to celebrate those success stories."

For complete nomination criteria and further information on the Hall of Fame, please click here.

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West Virginia Chamber Environmental Committee Meets with U.S. EPA Region III Administrator

Today sixteen members of the West Virginia Chamber's Environmental Committee traveled to Philadelphia to meet with the newly-appointed Region III Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Cosmo Servidio.

Administrator Servidio was joined by fifteen members of his staff for a productive conversation on environmental issues affecting West Virginia including water, air & waste. The conversation also focused on cooperation between the U.S. EPA and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection.

This year's visit was the first meeting between the West Virginia Chamber's Environmental Committee and Region III of the U.S. EPA since 2015. A meeting was scheduled for the summer of 2016, but was cancelled in the aftermath of the floods that struck West Virginia that June.
Workforce WV Releases Updated Jobs Numbers - Growth Continues

The latest release continues to show a positive trend for the state, with nonfarm payroll employment growing by 3,200 jobs since October, 2016. During the same time period, several sectors also saw big gains in employment:

- Mining & Logging: +1,900
- Construction: +2,400
- Education & Health Services: +3,700
- Leisure & Hospitality: +1,500

The West Virginia Chamber also notes that manufacturing employment has seen growth in 2017 and is up by 600 jobs since the beginning of the year.

The West Virginia Chamber continues to applaud the West Virginia Legislature for their continued commitment to pursuing policies that spur job creation and economic development in West Virginia.

West Virginia Chamber Fly-In to Washington D.C. for Tax Reform
The West Virginia Chamber will visit Washington D.C. on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 28-29, to discuss tax reform with the West Virginia Congressional Delegation.

The event will begin with a reception at 5:00pm on Tuesday, November 28, at The Monocle for participants, members of West Virginia’s Congressional Delegation, and congressional staff. Visits with the West Virginia Delegation will take place on Wednesday, November 29.

**China Energy Announces $83.7 Billion Investment in West Virginia**

On Thursday, November 9, the West Virginia Department of Commerce announced that China Energy Investment Corporation Limited plans to invest $83.7 billion in shale gas development and chemical manufacturing projects in West Virginia.

West Virginia Secretary of Commerce Woody Thrasher signed the agreement with China Energy President Ling while U.S. President Donald Trump looks on.
Wen as U.S. President Donald J. Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping looked on.

West Virginia Chamber President Steve Roberts stated, "West Virginia is a major producer of energy for the nation and the world. The global economy is fed by energy and our state is perfectly positioned to provide energy and its byproduct to the nation and world."

Roberts was later interviewed live by CNN International, and that recording is available by clicking here.

U.S. EPA to Hold Public Hearing in Charleston on Clean Power Plan Repeal

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will be holding a public hearing in Charleston, WV on November 28-29 regarding repeal of the Clean Power Plan.

The West Virginia Chamber of Commerce will be present and making remarks at the EPA's hearing.

The EPA's hearing will convene both days at 9:00am and will conclude at 5:00pm. An additional day of hearing may occur on Thursday, November 30 if needed. The location will be at the West Virginia Capitol Complex, located at 1900 Kanawha Blvd. East.

Pre-registration to speak is required and will close tomorrow, November 16. If you would like to speak, you can submit your information by clicking here.

Per an announcement by the EPA, speakers will be notified of their time slot beginning on Friday, November 17.
Upcoming Events

**West Virginia Chamber Legislative Conference**
January 30, 2018
West Virginia Culture Center

**West Virginia Chamber Human Resources Conference**
April 26, 2018
Charleston Marriott-Town Center

**West Virginia Chamber Environmental and Energy Conference**
May 23, 2018
Charleston Marriott-Town Center

**Leadership WV - Government & Commencement Session**
November 16 & 17, 2017
Charleston, WV