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Memo: PCI Update
To: State Offices of Conflict Resolution

✠ **Meet at Keystone in May?**

The State Offices meeting in Portland this October was a success. Twenty-one states were in attendance and we are already thinking ahead to the next meeting! We heard from some of you that two meetings a year is too much, while others would like a chance to get together more often. We'd like to present the possibility of meeting May 13th, 1999, the day before the SPIDR Environmental/Public Disputes Sector meeting, in Keystone, Colorado. One idea for the meeting, in recognition that not all state offices would be able to attend, is to focus the deliberations on specific topics of interest to those who will be there. ***Are you interested? If so, what topics you would like to discuss with a selection of your colleagues?***

✍ **Case Study Drafters Available**

Have you been involved with a collaborative public policy process that deserves to be documented, but you don't have the time or staff to do so? Indiana University students, under the tutelage of Lisa Bingham, are available (and eager!) to try their hand at writing up case studies. ***If you are interested in providing a case for them to work on, please contact PCI.***

📖 **Publications**

We are presently compiling a comprehensive file of all publications of State Offices of Conflict Resolution. Can you ***please send us copies of any publications you have.*** Or, if they are for sale, please send us a list of what you have available so we can order them from you. We would like to publicize what is available from the State Offices in some type of catalog to raise awareness about the availability of your publications.

✠ **TEA-21**

As a result of one break-out group's discussions at the State Offices meeting in Portland, Florida and Oregon have joined forces and submitted a proposal to the Federal Transportation Initiative (TEA-21) for work on pilot projects in their respective states.

 **Mediation Law Project of ABA & NCCUSL: new web site**

The Mediation Law Project, a joint project of the ABA's Section on Dispute Resolution and the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, has established a web site to make access to its work available to the public. The site is hosted by the Stanford Center on Conflict & Negotiation at

<http://www.stanford.edu/group/sccn/mediation/>

Visitors will find information about the project and opportunities to give feedback and make comments on the ongoing work of the group. The site will also include a comprehensive list of press releases about the project.

 **NCSL Training**

Both Chris and Dick, along with several others, facilitated a session on consensus building and conflict management for the National Council of State Legislatures in December. The presentation included Senator Merle Grace Kearns, Representative Brian Johnston and involved 80 state legislators. Topics included creating the climate for deliberation, interest-based negotiation, ground rules, and principles for building consensus. We will forward to you the names of legislators attending from your respective states.

 **Western Governors' Association: *Enlibra* Summit**

Dick and Chris recently helped to facilitate the recent Environmental Summit held by the Western Governor's Association in Phoenix, Arizona. Participants shared their input on the "*Enlibra* principles" and on ways of implementing *Enlibra* throughout the Western States. If anyone would like to review the *Enlibra* principles, they can be found on the WGA web site at <http://www.westgov.org>. This movement may present opportunities for State Offices in the West to work with their respective Governors' offices to promote collaborative approaches to environmental conflicts.

 **Please Return Survey**

For those of you who received a survey regarding the barriers to ADR practice in state government, ***please return your completed survey as soon as possible*** to: Andy Bowman/Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution/University of Texas/727 East 26th Street/Austin, TX 78705

 **Application made to EPA for Sustainable Development Challenge Grant**

PCI has partnered with Western Governors Association in applying for an EPA Sustainable Development Challenge Grant in the amount of \$198,000 to train and facilitate five sustainable development projects in the Western States. The grant required applicants to match 20% of the request. With the significant help of state offices in Oregon, Montana, Alaska, North Dakota, Texas as well as match from WGA and PCI, PCI was able to gather \$61,000 worth of in-kind assistance for the proposal. Whether the grant is awarded or not, the partnership between WGA, the state offices and PCI represents a significant step forward in collaborative efforts.