

Partnering with the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Stakeholders

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About NCSL

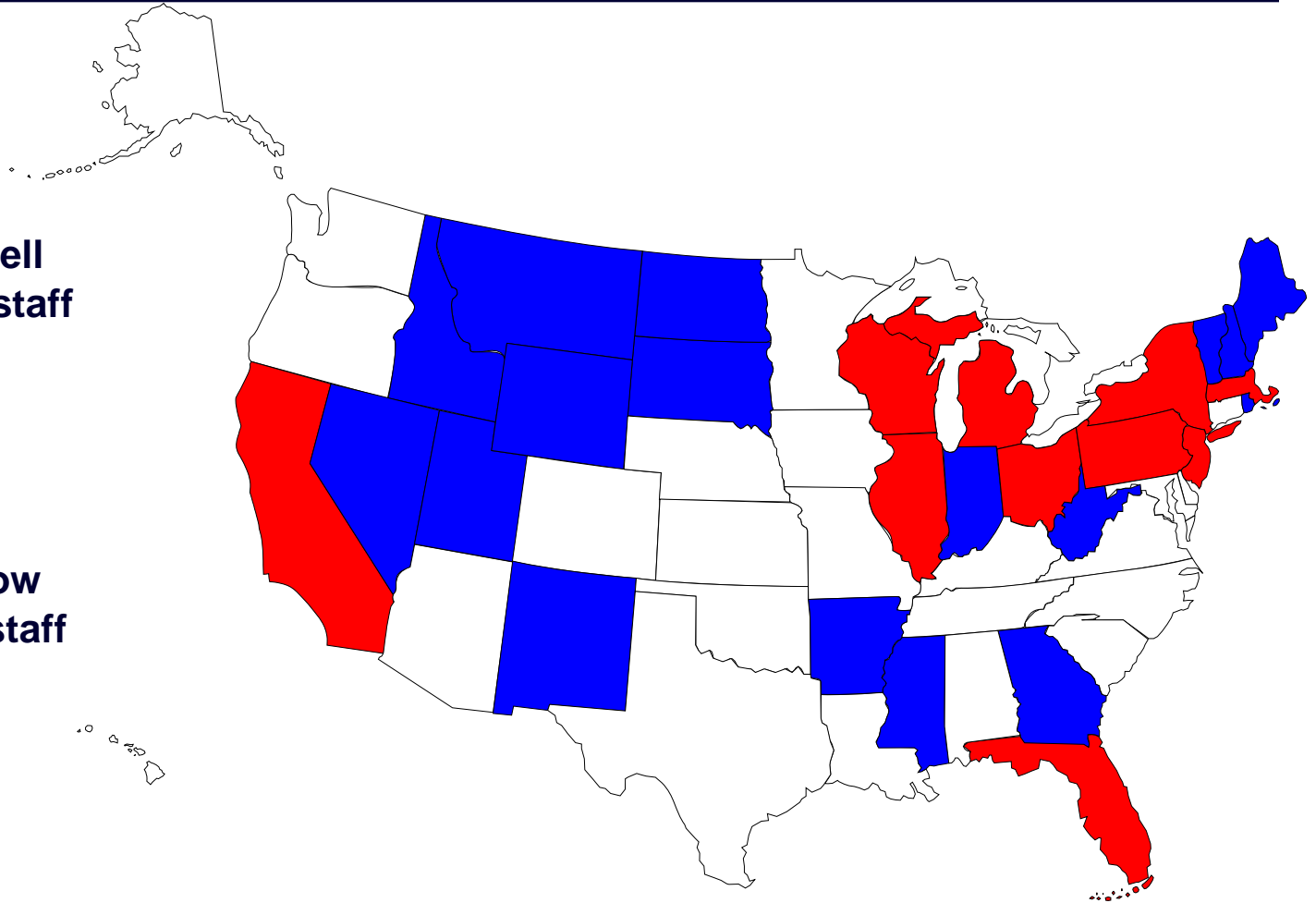
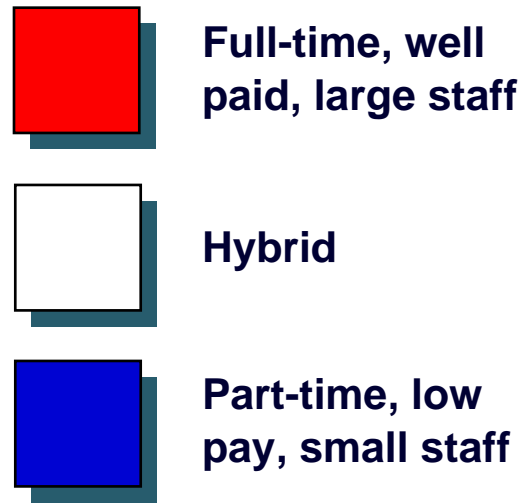
- Bipartisan
- Serves state legislators and staff of all 50 states and territories
- Locations: Denver, CO & Washington, D.C.
- 12 Standing Committees: consider policy position and guide lobbying efforts

About State Legislatures

- Bicameral, except Nebraska

- Budgets, budgets and more budgets
 - 49 states have constitutional requirement for balanced budget
 - Which state is the exception?

About State Legislatures



State Budgets in Tough Economic Times

- State Budget Update: April 2009
 - State fiscal situations growing increasingly dire
 - Bulk of fiscal problems traced to recession
 - FY 2009: \$62.4 billion budget gap
 - FY 2010: \$121.2 billion budget gap
 - FY 2011: projected \$44.5 billion
- Result: States are looking for innovative ways to provide services through tough economic times

State Legislators and Economic Development

- NCSL Economic Development Partners
 - Working group of state legislators, legislative staff, business and labor
 - Effort to learn more about economic development policy areas
 - Report released: January 2009
 - No one-size fits all approach
 - Successful economic development strategies should include criteria, monitoring, evaluation, and response to failures

State Legislators and Economic Development

- Rural Economic Development
 - Policy traditionally focused on agriculture, other issues are just as critical to rural areas as they are in more urbanized parts of the country
 - Broad approaches to rural development (North Carolina, Texas, Pennsylvania, New York)
 - Partnerships are important for success
- Economic Gardening
 - Supplement to traditional economic development recruiting strategies

Resources

□ NCSL

- NCSL State Budget Update: April 2009, <http://www.ncsl.org/?tabid=17498>
- Taking the Measure of State Economic Development, <http://ecom.ncsl.org/bookstore/productDetail.htm?prodID=015373>

□ State Links

- Arizona Commerce and Economic Development Commission, www.azcommerce.com
- Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, www.illinoisbiz.biz/dceo
- Kansas Legislative Division of Post Audit, www.kslegislature.org/postaudit
- Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Innovation, www.econdevmaine.com

Resources

- Maine Office of Program Evaluation and Government, www.maine.gov/legis/opega
- Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, John Adams Innovation Institute, www.masstech.org/institute
- Michigan Citizen Research Council, www.crcmich.org
- Minnesota Department of Agriculture, www.mda.state.mn.us
- Mississippi Technology Alliance, www.technologyalliance.ms
- Montana Legislative Audit Division, <http://leg.mt.gov/css/audit>
- Montana Microbusiness Finance program, <http://businessresources.mt.gov>
- North Carolina Job Development Investment Grant, www.nccommerce.com/BusinessServices
- Oregon Economic and Community Development Department Innovation Council, www.oregoninc.org

Resources

- South Dakota State University Department of Economics, www.econ.sdstate.edu/Extension/CMA.htm
- Texas Workforce Commission, www.twc.state.tx.us
- University of Michigan, Dearborn School of Management, www.som.umd.umich.edu .
- Utah State University Department of Agriculture, www.cattlemarketanalysis.org
- Vermont Economic Progress Council, www.economicdevelopment.vermont.gov
- Washington Priorities of Government, www.ofm.wa.gov/budget/pog
- Wisconsin Department of Commerce, www.commerce.state.wi.us
- Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau, www.legis.state.wi.us/lab
- Wyoming Business Council, www.wyomingbusiness.org



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