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## PORTS TO PLAINS ANNOUNCES MEDICINE HAT AS SITE OF 2012 CONFERENCE AND AGM

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The Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor partners and the City of Medicine Hat are pleased that the Ports-to-Plains Alliance headquartered in Lubbock, Texas has selected Medicine Hat as the venue for its 2012 Conference and Annual General Meeting October 2-4, 2012.

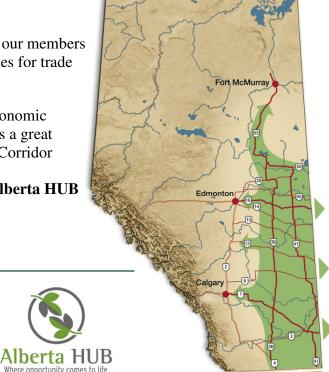
The Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor (EATC), an initiative which is striving to put another economic corridor in the minds of businesses seeking to take advantage of more than \$125 billion of planned investment in Eastern Alberta much of it in oil sands development. The **Ports to Plains Alliance** is a grass roots alliance of communities and businesses whose mission is to promote economic security and prosperity throughout North America's energy and agricultural heartland. **Ports to Plains** membership stretches from Mexico through the United States to Canada. Alberta is a member of the **Ports to Plains Alliance** and is represented on its Board by Len Mitzel, MLA for Cypress Medicine Hat.

We are very excited to come to Medicine Hat and showcase the province, with a special focus on the Eastern Alberta Corridor, for our members," said **Ports-to-Plains President Michael Reeves**.

"Alberta is the northern anchor of our coalition and has

played an important role in our success. It's great for all of our members to see the province first hand and learn about the opportunities for trade and economic growth."

I am truly pleased for Alberta HUB to be involved in this economic prospect for our membership. The Ports to Plains Alliance is a great example of how major corridors like Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor can foster economic opportunities for local businesses in the international market place" said **Soren Odegard, Chair, Alberta HUB** 





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