

Legislative Event in Madison Set For March 5-6

Leaders from Polk, St. Croix, and Pierce Counties will travel to Madison on March 5-6, 2008 to advocate several high priority issues. The event is called United St. Croix Valley Legislative Days and has been patterned after other successful legislative advocacy efforts from around the state.

Six issues will be presented to legislators, cabinet secretaries, and the governor's office:

- (1) Pooling of State Tax Credit Programs;
- (2) State Tax Exemption - Health Savings Accounts;
- (3) Media Access - Fair Access to Networks (FANS) Legislation;
- (4) West Central Freeway System (long-term improvements to I-94 from Hudson to Eau Claire);
- (5) Long-term Funding Solutions for the St. Croix River Crossing Project; and
- (6) Long-term Funding for a Scientific Research Park in the St. Croix Valley

The group will convene in Madison on Wednesday morning, March 5th and begin meetings with legislators. Lunch will include a guest speaker, followed by additional legislative appointments and an evening reception. A buffet style breakfast will begin the morning of March 6th. The group is hopeful to obtain an audience with Governor Jim Doyle and his staff before returning to the St. Croix Valley.

Volunteer participants are being recruited for the Madison trip. For \$75.00 (includes ground transportation, event meals, and evening reception), individuals can participate in the entire advocacy event. A block of rooms is reserved at the Best Western Inn on the Park near the capitol at a discounted rate for this event.

Corporate sponsorships are also being sought to offset the costs of the legislative activities. Sponsorships are available at \$250 or \$500.

The corporate *sponsorship form* or individual *registration form* are online or can be obtain by contacting the St. Croix EDC at (715) 381-4383. The deadline to register is February 19, 2008.

Prospective attendees are encouraged to browse the United St. Croix Valley's website at www.unitedscv.com.