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**Accountable Governance – Municipal Development/Use of Public Space
October 2- 10 2015
The Republic of Georgia**

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Mississippi Gulf Coast

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Arrival October 2 2015

5:43PM Gulfport Bilioxi Airport United Flight #4386

Host Family Meet and Greet Reception

STEPS Coalition

110 Water Street

Bilixio Mississippi

Delegates will be united with their host families, and will be brief on the upcoming activities and professional programming. Host families will be given a short Open World welcome and information session, covering pickup arrangements as well as weeks program of work.

Saturday October 3 2015

8:00AM Departure for Cultural Event
A Day in New Orleans, Lousiana

6:00PM Departure for home host

Sunday October 4 2015

A Day of Southern Hospitality
This day will be spent with home host

Monday October 5 2015

8:30AM Program Opening

Mississippi State University, Gulf Coast Campus
Mr Brad Ferguson, Senator Roger Wicker's Office

Panel Discussion: Welcome to Mississippi

Religion: Ms. Rose Anderson, Civil Rights Veteran

Politics: Mississippi Senator Debra Dawkins

Education: Ms. Debbie Raddin Mississippi College STEM Institute

Arts/Culture: TBA

This morning activities will begin with breakfast hosted by The Mississippi College STEM Institute. In attendance as our guests are elected officials within the State and local levels. Afterwards we will begin a panel discussion to share Mississippi's rich history; a conversation on religion, politics, education, arts and culture. This is a time for our Delegates to share their hopeful outcomes from this Mississippi visit.

12:00 noon Lunch

University Of Southern Mississippi
Gulf Coast Campus

**1:30 PM: Mississippi Port of the Future
Gulf Port, MS**

This Meeting will begin with a tour of the port hosted by Port Director; followed by a meeting with The Mississippi State Port Authority (MSPA) at Gulfport. This meeting is to address the MSPA's master plan and how they work with interest of the public and private sectors. The MSPA is currently engaged in redevelopments to restore the viability of the port and for the long-term recovery of the community post hurricane Katrina.

**4:30 PM: Depart for Shopping
Gulfport Outlet Mall**

Tuesday October 6 2015

8:30AM **Depart for Appointment**

Round Table Discussion

Mayor Ocean Springs, MS

This open discussion meeting will be for delegates to engage in open dialogue on municipal planning and development as well as cultural heritage preservation.

10:30AM **The Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art**

360 Highway 90 West

Biloxi, MS

(Meeting & Cultural)

The Ohr-O'Keefe Museum's mission is to promote and preserve the unique legacy of Biloxi potter George E. Ohr and the diverse cultural heritage of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. We will meet with museum staff to discuss their triumph and tragedies of the rebuild after Katrina.

12:00 Lunch

Wednesday October 7 2015

8:30 AM: **STEPS Coalition**
 Biloxi, MS

STEPS Coalition

In 2009 the Steps Coalition launched the **Partners for a Safe and Health Port Campaign** by hosting informational meetings in affected areas. The MDA planned not only to restore the Port of Gulfport but also to expand it. the Campaign objectives included: 1) identifying the geographic footprint of the proposed "Port of the Future" and its impact on communities health, environment, housing, economy, and historic neighborhood; 2) working with Gulfport residents to establish common goals for how this large scale development will interact with their community; and 3) ensuring residents impacted by the expansion were engaged in the planning process. Steps will share their best practices as it pertains to getting local community involved in the decision making process.

North Gulfport Community Land Trust,

The mission of the North Gulfport Community Land Trust is to protect and serve the African-American cultural heritage, and honor the ancestors of the North Gulfport community through the creation of permanently affordable housing, community advocacy, and reinvestment. Ms. Rose and her staff will be sharing their techniques used to preserve the cultural heritage of the Gulf Coast.

North Gulfport Civic Club

Established in 1958, the NGCC is a voluntary, non-profit incorporation chartered by the State of Mississippi in 1978 that has remained true to its original vision. The NGCC has actively taken a secure stance on its views of the expansion of the Port of Gulfport to improve the employment standards of the residents of the North Gulfport community. This meeting will address the public land use issue, this group was able to stop port expansion and retain their homes and land.

12:00 Lunch Sal and Mookie's

(Meeting & Cultural)

The Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art mission is to promote and preserve the unique legacy of Biloxi potter *George E. Ohr* and the diverse cultural heritage of the *Mississippi Gulf Coast*; and to exhibit works which exemplify the independent, innovative, and creative spirit of *George Ohr*, this is a professional appointment as well as cultural event. We will meet with museum staff to discuss their triumph and tragedies of the rebuild after Katrina.

Southern Home Hospitality