

## Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

(including expenses of participants and general expenses associated with travel)

Ministry	Energy and Resources	
Title of Travel	Mission to Houston	
Location	Houston, TX	
Date(s)	February 8 - 10, 2023	
Participants	Honourable Jim Reiter, Minister of Energy and Resources Jeremy Brick, Director of External Relations, Executive Council Susanna Laaksonen-Craig, Deputy Minister, Energy and Resources	
Purpose of Travel	To promote American investment in Saskatchewan’s (SK) economy	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$3,253.64
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$217.52
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$2,026.65
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$725.21
Conference & Registration Fees		\$0.00
Miscellaneous (including incidentals, parking, temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and vaccination fees, and other sundry expenditures)		\$390.44
Subtotal		\$6,613.46
General Travel Expenditures		
Business Hosting Expenses (expenses for luncheon and/or dinner meetings hosted by the Government of Saskatchewan, including food, beverages, catering staff, service charges, equipment, and entertainment)		\$0.00
Miscellaneous (Including meeting rooms, translator and interpreter fees, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)		\$0.00
Subtotal		\$0.00
TOTAL		\$6,613.46

## **Overview of Travel and Objectives**

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The U.S. is SK's most important trading partner. In 2022, SK exported \$29.3 billion (B) (56% of all exports) to the U.S and imported \$12.3B (81% of all imports) from the U.S.

It is critical that the Government of Saskatchewan promote Saskatchewan as a trusted ally in the U.S., promoting our province as a producer of sustainably produced natural resources and is a reliable partner in the goal for North American energy security.

SK is a trade and investment partner with a stable political environment, strong fiscal position, business-friendly climate and environmentally sound practices across all sectors.

Mission objectives included:

- showcasing SK as a preferred destination for investment in meetings with potential investors;
- highlighting Saskatchewan (SK) as a safe and reliable source for oil and gas, carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS) technology, critical minerals and rare earth elements, and value-added agricultural goods; and
- promoting SK's ability to provide energy and environmental solutions for Canada and the U.S.'s climate ambitions.

### **Travel Activity**

While in Houston, Minister Reiter:

- made a speech at and participated in an Investment Forum featuring Saskatchewan, hosted by Pickering Energy Partners; and
- met with executives from six energy sector companies.