

## THE NCCBI 2002 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE: WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

The business community and our state's elected officials will be faced with many challenges during the General Assembly's "short session" which convenes on May 28. Legislators will wrestle with tough issues as they deal with the state's budget deficit. They will also consider important issues like legislative session limits, recommendations from the Governor's Commission to Promote Efficiency in Government and the Governor's Commission to Modernize State Finances, how to deal with the state's growing Medicaid problem, transportation concerns and the ongoing challenge to adequately fund all levels of education.

An important opportunity for business leaders to hear first hand about where things stand in the General Assembly will come at NCCBI's annual Legislative Conference. The event will be held on Thursday, May 30, at the North Raleigh Hilton Hotel on Wake Forest Road. As leaders in your communities and industries, we urge you to make plans to attend this important event.

The day will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast before quickly moving into presentations by the state's leading political figures. You will hear straight-forward talks by the Speaker of the House, the President Pro Tem of the Senate as well as the minority leaders of both chambers. There will be hard dollar reports from the state's budget director and briefings on transportation challenges, the impact of Medicaid, session limits and an update from the state treasurer. NCCBI leaders will update you on the Governor's Commission on Promoting Government Efficiencies and workforce development. A representative from the National Conference of State Legislatures will tell us how North Carolina's challenges compare to other states and at lunch we will hear from Congressmen Richard Burr and Bob Etheridge on federal issues.

Before the briefings and candid dialogue begin, however, you will be invited to spend a relaxing evening with lawmakers at the Legislative Reception. There you will be able to share your personal concerns with legislators in one-on-one conversations in a friendly atmosphere. That much-anticipated event will be held at the Raleigh Entertainment and Sports Arena, Wednesday, May 29 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

The registration is just \$100 (\$120 for non-members), a small sum considering all you will receive, including:

- An invitation to the evening cocktail reception.
- Continental breakfast before the conference.
- Refreshments during a mid-morning break.
- A buffet luncheon.
- Briefing materials.
- Networking opportunities.

**We hope to see you there!**

## THE NCCBI 2002 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE: MEETING PROGRAM & ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, May 29, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Raleigh Entertainment and Sports Arena

Reception honoring legislators and members of the Council of State, Governor's Cabinet, Supreme Court and Court of Appeals at the Entertainment and Sports Arena in Raleigh, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be on your own.

Thursday, May 30, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
North Raleigh Hilton

- 8:30 am **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 am **Welcome** – Jim Hyler, NCCBI Chair
- 9:05 am **House Perspective** – *Speaker of the House, Jim Black*
- 9:20 am **Senate Perspective** – *President Pro Tem of the Senate, Marc Basnight*
- 9:35 am **State Budget Outlook** — *State Budget Officer, David McKoy*
- 9:50 am **Transportation Challenges** – *Secretary of N.C. Department of Transportation, Lyndo Tippet*
- 10:05 am **Session Limits** — *Senator David Hoyle and Representative Gene Arnold*
- 10:25 am **Governor's Commission on Promoting Government Efficiencies — Current Status and Future Plans** — *Jim Hyler, Chair*
- 10:35 am **Economic Development — Report on Workforce Development Summit and Legislative and Administrative Recommendations** — *Gordon Myers, Chair, N.C. Economic Development Board*
- 10:45 am **Break**
- 11:00 am **House Minority Perspective** — *House Minority Leader, Leo Daughtry*
- 11:15 am **Senate Minority Perspective** — *Senate Minority Leader, Patrick Ballantine*
- 11:30 am **Update on State's Fiscal Status** — *State Treasurer Richard Moore*
- 11:45 am **Medicaid — Its Impact on the State's Budget and on Health Care Providers** — *Secretary of Health and Human Services, Carmen Hooker Odom*
- 12:00 pm **National Perspective — What's Happening in Other States** — *National Conference of State Legislatures, Group Director of Fiscal Affairs, Corina Eckel*
- 12:30 pm **Wrap-up** — Phil Kirk, NCCBI President
- 12:45 pm Adjourn for Luncheon
- 1:00 pm **Luncheon and Keynote Address — Update on Federal Issues** — *Congressman Richard Burr and Congressman Bob Etheridge*
- 2:00 pm **Adjourn**

## THE 2002 NCCBI LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE: TICKET ORDER FORM

\_\_\_\_\_ All events @ \$100 for NCCBI members

\_\_\_\_\_ All events @ \$120 for non-members

Name(s) and Company for nametags (*please print or type as it should appear on nametag*): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Conference only @ \$80 for NCCBI members

\_\_\_\_\_ Conference only @ \$100 for non-members

\_\_\_\_\_ Reception only @ \$35 for NCCBI member

\_\_\_\_\_ Reception only @ \$45 for NCCBI non-member

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**NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 23, 2002.**

Please make checks payable to  
2002 NCCBI Legislative Conference and mail  
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