



## AMC FACT SHEET

### AMC National and Binational Accomplishments - 2006

The Arizona-Mexico Commission's (AMC) mission is to improve the well-being and quality of life for residents of Arizona through a strong, cooperative relationship with Mexico and Latin America through advocacy, trade, networking and information.

#### Safety and Security

- Secure Electronic Network for Travelers' Rapid Inspection (SENTRI) lanes open in Nogales, Arizona.
- 2006 CSA Fall Plenary Joint Declaration: The Arizona-Sonora Public Safety Agreement improves cross-border public safety communications to prevent and fight crime.
- \$52.8 million for improvements for Arizona's Ports of Entry included in the President's Budget Proposal
- 25th U.S.-Mexico Border Governors Conference (BGC): Brought Arizona-Sonora initiatives to the international forefront, leading policy development for the entire U.S.-Mexico region.
- Updated Arizona Border Infrastructure Project (BIP), [www.azbip.org](http://www.azbip.org), with information on Arizona's border infrastructure projects. Promoted the database nationally.
- First responder training for border communities in Arizona and Sonora that improved regional emergency communications and response.

#### Expanding Trade for Arizona

- Free and Secure Trade (FAST) lanes open for commercial trucks in Nogales, Arizona.
- Agribusiness Committee: Advanced beef breeding cattle initiative to open the border for American cattle, preserving the integrity of Mexican cattle, re-opening a previously established market to U.S. producers.
- Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI): Lobbied successfully for compliance deadline extension from Jan. 2008 to June 2009. Regularly communicated with the Arizona visitor industry to disseminate information about WHTI.

#### Promoting Regional Economic Development

- 3rd Regional Border Economic Forum: Educated legislators and decision makers on strategies to spur regional economic growth and attract suppliers to the region.
- 2006 Regional Economic Indicators Report by the University of Arizona, funded in part by the AMC.
- National Geographic GeoTourism MapGuide: Arizona and Sonora worked together to complete their respective portions of the interactive map for launch in 2007. The guide promotes the region, through and internationally recognized leader in responsible tourism, bringing economic development in the form of ecologically and culturally aware travel and trade.

#### Enhancing Quality of Life

- Added grants to the Arizona Grants Access Tool and Experts Source (AzGATES), [www.azgates.org](http://www.azgates.org). Reached out to border communities connecting them community and infrastructure initiative funds.
- 2006 AMC Arizona Summer Plenary Joint Declarations: 1) Arizona-Sonora Regional Influenza Pandemic Response Plan and Protocol for Cross-Border Information Sharing During a Public Health Emergency; 2) Arizona-Sonora 511 Travel and Transportation System Initiative linking cross-border travelers to timely traffic information in Arizona and Sonora.
- Partnerships for Improving Education: The Education Committee provided comprehensive professional development to a group of educators from Sonora on teaching students with disabilities in elementary and secondary schools. The Committee developed and implemented cross-border education programs throughout the year to reach at-risk youth and teach healthy lifestyle choices.
- 2006 Arizona-Sonora Friendship Games: The AMC Sports Committee held games for cross-border youth sports exchange and lessons in healthy sportsmanship. The games were held twice last year, once in Arizona and once in Sonora, and helped facilitate cultural exchanges to teach area children how Arizona and Sonora are two states, but one region.