

## Partnership Advisory Group

# PAG News

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### *What a difference a year makes!*

Just one year ago this month, the State Legislature finally passed a budget after a four-month impasse. This year's budget was passed on time with a few adjustments and we experienced a "normal" budget cycle.

Already there are news reports telling us that revenues coming into the State are down and that the Governor may have to call a special session and ask Legislators to return to Sacramento during their recess to come up with ideas to solve the projected budget shortfall.

All this means is that we in State government need to continue to find new and efficient ways to do business. Through our travel partnerships we are working in a collaborative effort to incorporate new and innovative ways to create a travel management system for all government entities. The Statewide Travel Program will be able to assist local government in reducing their travel costs during these times of fiscal uncertainty and with redirection of State duties to the local level.

The Statewide Travel and Meeting Management Program (STAMMP) would also like to take this opportunity to officially welcome the Department of General Services our new Director, Fred Klass and Chief Deputy Director Esteban Almanza.

*Our next scheduled PAG meeting is Wednesday, December 7!*

*Greg*

### Brief Updates

- The STAMMP has initiated a marketing outreach plan to inform cities, counties, community colleges, school administrators, and special districts, of the benefits of the program.
- The new vehicle rental contract has been implemented.
- A Request for Proposal was released recently for the travel payment system.

### Newest Participants to the Statewide Travel Program

- Governor's Office
- County of Los Angeles
- Salinas Valley Psychiatric Program
- Montebello Unified School District
- California Avocado Commission