

## The U.S.- Russia Chamber of Commerce

### HOUSTON - TYUMEN SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

#### Overview

The U.S. Russia Chamber of Commerce (USRCC) has been charged with administering the Houston -Tyumen Sister Cities Partnership on behalf of the City of Houston. In order to effectively and efficiently do so, USRCC has established the Houston Tyumen Sister Cities Committee. The USRCC Sister Cities Committee is responsible for developing and overseeing activities involving the relationship between Tyumen and Houston. Various projects between municipal, commercial and non profit organizations of Tyumen and Houston are being developed with support of Houston Mayor's Office and The Administration of Tyumen.

#### Committee Goals

The Sister Cities Committee has ambitious goals to further develop the relationship between the two cities. Some of the areas the City of Tyumen has indicated an interest in further developing are as follows:

#### **1. Education**

- development of exchange program for high school students in order to familiarize them with various sectors of industries and vocational guidance;
- development of youth entrepreneurship support program;
- exchange of experience in organization of youth job fairs;
- exchange of experience in educational technologies;
- development of program for university cooperation;

#### **2. Entrepreneurship**

- development of cooperation program and exchange of experience in order to support "Tyumen Brand" competition;
- conducting of joint expos/conferences/fairs;
- exchange of experience within the program for support and development of small and middle sized businesses;

#### **3. Municipal – private partnership and infrastructural projects**

- development of experience exchange program for civil engineers and city development specialists;
- exchange of experience in planning and development of recreational zones;

#### **4. Regional tourism**

- exchange of experience in planning of regional tourist routes and development of regional tourism;

#### **5. Oil and Gas**

- development of experience exchange program for oil and gas specialists;
- development of cooperation program for oil and gas organizations;

## **6. Healthcare**

- development of experience exchange program for healthcare specialists;
- development of cooperation program for healthcare organizations;

### *Committee Composition*

Involvement with the Houston – Tyumen Sister Cities Committee is a unique opportunity to meet new people, to network with professionals from various industries, to gain access to new opportunities and to contribute to the development of cooperation between our cities and our countries.

If you are a member of the USRCC and represent a non profit or commercial organization, a medical or academic institution, a cultural, technological or business community of any kind, or if you are just an individual member who would like to participate in developing international cooperation between

Houston and Tyumen, you are welcome to get involved in this initiative, and you will definitely benefit from various opportunities that will be presented.

Current members of USRCC may join the Committee, but membership will be limited to 15 people.

### *Committee Meetings*

The Sister Cities Committee meets every other month at various locations.