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# Press Release

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## Save the date: 7<sup>th</sup> Biennial Pre-Session Legislative Conference set Oct. 5

Legislative insight on effects of projected \$18B state budget shortfall among topics

**AUSTIN (5/26/10)** – "The 82<sup>nd</sup> Texas legislative session is only months away and as the state faces a projected \$18 billion budget deficit, those who follow state government have an opportunity to hear from legislators and political insiders regarding what to expect when the legislature convenes," said Mary Scott Nabers, president and CEO of Strategic Partnerships, Inc. (SPI), an Austin-based government procurement and national research firm. SPI and The University of Texas' Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs will host the 7<sup>th</sup> Biennial Pre-Session Legislative Conference on Tuesday, Oct. 5.

The day-long conference, held before each biennial session of the Texas Legislature, typically features numerous panels that address issues from the state budget to what other hot-button items will likely dominate the session. In the past, conference attendees have heard insider budget information from the chairs of the budget-writing Senate Finance and House Appropriations committees and tips on working with the state's leadership from representatives of the governor's, lieutenant governor's and House Speaker's executive staffs.

"We are also planning panels that include members of the legislature, state agency executives and Capitol press corps members," said Nabers. "Their insight will be invaluable to anyone who follows the legislature."

The event will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 5 at The Commons of the J.J. Pickle Center at The University of Texas at Austin. The conference typically draws attendance by state agency executives and employees, representatives of nonprofits, higher and public education officials and others interested in the legislative process, the state budget and the workings of legislative committees and state boards and agencies.

More information regarding the event and how to register will be made available through press releases and in the SPI's weekly newsletter, the *Texas Government Insider*, as speakers are confirmed. (To subscribe to the *Texas Government Insider* for additional information on this event as it is made available and for other government news in Texas, go to [www.spartnerships.com](http://www.spartnerships.com).)

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