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Senator Andrea Dalessandro, LD2

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Senator Dalessandro chosen for 2014 Western Legislative Academy

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – The Council of State Governments West (CSG West), a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization serving Western state legislators of both parties in 13 Western states, has selected Senator Andrea Dalessandro as a participant in its prestigious training institute for lawmakers in their first four years of service. The purpose of the Western Legislative Academy is to build excellence and effectiveness in state legislators in the Western region.

Admission to the Western Legislative Academy is very competitive and is based on commitment to public service, desire to improve personal legislative effectiveness and interest in improving the legislative process. Out of 89 applicants from throughout the West, 39 state legislators were selected as members of the Western Legislative Academy Class of 2014.

The Western Legislative Academy will convene November 17-20, 2014 in Colorado Springs, Colorado for three and a half days of intensive training in subjects such as legislative institutions, ethics, communications, negotiations, time management and leadership. Faculty is drawn from academia, former military and the private sector. A highlight of the training is an afternoon at the US Air Force Academy working on personal assessments and team building.

“I am grateful to be chosen for the Western Legislative Academy and I’m excited to learn new and better ways to effectively represent my community at the Legislature,” said Sen. Dalessandro.

The Council of State Governments West is the Western region of the national Council of State Governments, which is based in Lexington, Kentucky. Regional offices of CSG are located in Sacramento, Chicago, Atlanta and New York.

Funding for the Academy comes from the Colorado Springs-based El Pomar Foundation, which is dedicated to excellence in nonprofit organizations, and from Western state legislatures and corporate sponsors. The El Pomar Foundation also donates the campus for the Western Legislative Academy.

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