

State Commissions and the Transition Process

ASC Transition Committee

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These suggestions are for Commissions only. If your Commission operates other national service programs you might include some impact data; however, you do not want to confuse the issue with a new Governor. The Governor has direct influence and authority over his/her Commission only (as opposed to other national service programs). Even without a Commission in place, other national service programs (NCCC, VISTA, SC) will continue. You are fighting for recognition of your Governor's Commission.

Key Constituents before the Election:

- Candidates & their spouses
 - What are their views on national service/volunteering/charitable interests/key policy concerns
- Incoming Governor's Transition Team
 - Tell your Commissions Story of Impact (1-2 pages concise impact data)
 1. Since (1994 or some other date) federal funds from CNCS to your state
 2. Amount of dollars leveraged as match
 3. # service hours (since date)
 4. \$ in Education Awards earned
 5. Significant emergency response efforts (if any)
 6. # of children and families impacted/served
 7. # of service hours
 8. What would your state look like without national service?
 9. List some ways to engage Governors in service and volunteerism
 10. List key state-wide partnerships (business, corporate, government, etc.)
 11. Name a few easily recognized grantees (favorites of the candidate or new Governor (CIS, TFA, Habitat)

Key Constituents after the Election:

- New Chief of Staff/Deputy COS
 - How can your Governor can use service as a strategy on key priorities
 - Leave a 1 pager on your impact (1-9 above) and follow up later
- Governor's Appointment's Office
 - Provide them with a concise 1-pager (1-9 above)
 - Get to know the new Appointment Office staff immediately– take them your 1 pager on your impact (1-9 above)
 - Create brief testimonials from happy board members who support the Commission's work and the ED

- Commissioners
 - All should have concise talking points and be saying the same thing to elected leadership about your Commission's impact