



# THE GREAT LAKES BORDER HEALTH INITIATIVE

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**Dear Great Lakes Border Health Initiative Partner,**

You are cordially invited to the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual **Great Lakes Border Health Initiative (GLBHI) Conference** on April 24, 2012 at *The Inn at St. John's* in **Plymouth, Michigan, USA**. **There is no registration fee** for this Conference. Plymouth, Michigan is 30 minutes from downtown Detroit.

The GLBHI Annual Conference offers a unique opportunity to engage with international colleagues in infectious disease prevention and control along the Canada-U.S. border. Invitations to the Conference are extended to local, state/provincial, Tribal/First Nation and federal stakeholders from Ontario and the Great Lakes states working in the areas of public health, clinical health, laboratories, food protection, and emergency management. Also invited are professionals from throughout Canada, Mexico, and the United States who want to learn more about cross-border public health initiatives.

The GLBHI Steering Committee and primary Subcommittees will be meeting the afternoon of April 23. Additionally, GLBHI will be co-hosting a food/feed emergency response exercise on April 23.

**Detailed information about the Conference** will be sent out soon and will also be accessible on the GLBHI website ([www.michigan.gov/borderhealth](http://www.michigan.gov/borderhealth)).

**Funding for travel support will also be available.** If traveling from outside of the United States, be prepared by taking time to visit the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative website at [http://www.getyouhome.gov/html/eng\\_map.html](http://www.getyouhome.gov/html/eng_map.html).

**More about GLBHI:** GLBHI was developed in 2004 to improve early warning infectious disease surveillance at our international borders. GLBHI receives funding from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS)-Assistant Secretary of Preparedness & Response (ASPR), managed through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC).

Thank you for your continued interest in cross-border public health surveillance and response collaborations in the Great Lakes area. We look forward to seeing you in Plymouth, Michigan in April.

*The 2012 GLBHI Annual Conference Planning Team*