



**Duluth Sister Cities International Technical Visit  
2009 Official Tour Delegate Information  
October 1-8, 2009**

March, 2009

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

Thank you for your interest in applying to participate in the 2009 Duluth Sister Cities International (DSCI) Technical Visit Tour to Växjö, Sweden. DSCI has scheduled the delegation visit for October 1-8, 2009. Last summer, Växjö Mayor, Bo Frank, gave several presentations on "The Greenest City in Europe". The presentations were very successful and a great interest was shown by Duluthians in learning more about just how Växjö has earned the title "Greenest City in Europe." Unique to Sister Cities' relationships, this exchange will take place because of the long time Sister City relationship between Duluth and Växjö.

DSCI is very excited to offer this opportunity to Duluthians as DSCI sees the potential benefits to the City of Duluth by learning about Växjö sustainable practices and the impact those practices have had on economic development. While in Växjö, you'll learn about the city's world renowned sustainable practices, how those practices made an impact on economic development for the City of Växjö, and how Växjö earned the title of "Greenest City in Europe,". English will be the common language for all tours and events.

DSCI and the City of Växjö look forward to this collaboration, during which delegates will participate in the following activities (see attached brochures for detailed information on seminars and study visits):

**Seminars:**

- ❖ Fossil Fuel Free Växjö, Environmental program and policies, the Greenest City in Europe
- ❖ EcoBudget
- ❖ City Planning
- ❖ SAMS and energy saving projects
- ❖ Water management

### Study Visits:

- ❖ Passive house construction site
- ❖ District heating and power plant (biomass)
- ❖ Local district heating plant
- ❖ Biogas production plant
- ❖ The Modern Wooden City and the Garden City

### Networking-Business to Business Discussion:

- ❖ Meetings with Swedish companies
- ❖ Official Dinner hosted by the City of Växjö

The package cost of participating in the 2009 Växjö Technical Visit will be approximately \$3,100 per person. ***Because of DSCI's strong Sister City relationship, the City of Växjö has waived all fees for seminars & tours, which otherwise would have cost an additional \$3,000.*** The approximate cost of the Duluth Sister Cities Technical Tour includes the following:

Airfare (Duluth to Stockholm):	\$1,200
Hotel Room (6 nights- includes breakfast)	\$850
Lunches & dinners	\$300
Other transportation (train: Stockholm-Växjö)	\$300
Miscellaneous expenses	\$ 100
Duluth Sister Cities International Delegate fee (for administration of visit)	<u>\$ 250</u>
	<b>**Total</b>
	<b>\$3,000</b>

\*\*Please note: this does not include passport cost and spending money.

An official agenda is currently being developed by DSCI and the City of Växjö. Once the delegation of up to 15 people has been identified, meetings will be held to discuss the delegation trip in more detail. To learn all the details about this exciting and rare tour, please contact me. You'll enjoy a world of opportunity!

Sincerely,

Melissa Kadlec  
Executive Director