



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

Duluth Sister Cities International (DSCI) will send a delegation of Duluthians, October 1-8, 2009, to our Sister City Växjö, Sweden, for an educational “technical visit tour” that will benefit both Duluth and Växjö. The DSCI delegation will 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”. In follow-up, a delegation of Växjö citizens will visit Duluth in 2010 to continue this unique, international exchange.

DSCI invites you/your organization to be an Official Technical Visit Tour Sponsor, where your investment will bring great exposure to your organization for both the 2009 DSCI Technical Visit Tour *and* 2010 Växjö Delegation visit to Duluth. Your Sponsorship will include:

- Opportunity to reinforce your organization’s commitment to environmental and international efforts
- Your organization’s logo on all print and Internet advertising (including a link to your website)
- Recognition as Official Sponsor in all news releases, press conferences and other media events
- Recognition in DSCI newsletter “Latitudes”
- Opportunity to network with delegates, business and community leaders participating in exchange
- Opportunity to address the delegation and officials in Växjö at special events during the Technical Visit Tour (English is the common language of all tours and events)
- Opportunity to host a tour of your organization to the 2010 Växjö Official Delegation visit in Duluth
- Other mutually agreed upon opportunities for “technical” exchange

The DSCI Technical Visit Tour delegation will participate in the following seminars and tours (see brochures for details 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 whose emphasis is sustainability
- ❖ Official Dinner hosted by the City of Växjö

To ensure maximum exposure of our partnering organizations, DSCI will provide opportunity for four (4) official Technical Visit Tour Sponsors, and only one (1) per business category. Your organization will be highly visible over two years as a community-minded, environmentally-friendly Sponsor.

The one-time cost of your two-year sponsorship, which includes the opportunity to send one representative from your company/organization, is \$5,500. Please contact me at (218) 727-8375. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Melissa Kadlec
Executive Director