The Washington State Municipal Conference is pleased to announce the Keynote Speakers for the inaugural conference.

November 5th:

Congressman Denny Heck: Congressional Update on Stormwater Issues

**About Congressman Denny Heck:** On November 6th, 2012, the residents of Washington’s new 10th Congressional District elected Denny Heck to be the district’s first member of the United States House of Representatives. Since taking office, Congressman Heck’s top priorities have been creating jobs, growing our economy and keeping the American Dream alive for the middle class and those working to get into it. He has been a vocal advocate for military families and veterans as well as for the health and natural beauty of the Puget Sound’s environment.

Congressman Heck is the only Member of Congress from the Pacific Northwest that serves on the House Financial Services Committee. He is a member of the Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit Subcommittee, Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee and Monetary Policy and Trade Subcommittee.

In the decade prior to his election to Congress, Congressman Heck successfully grew several small businesses in Washington State. One of those small businesses, which specializes in workplace education, was started in Olympia with only two employees. Today it employs more than 300 people throughout the United States and has continued to grow in recent years. Congressman Heck was also an original investor in Real Networks, the digital entertainment company that pioneered streaming media on the Internet.

A strong advocate of open government, in 1993 Congressman Heck co-founded TVW to provide the people of Washington State greater accessibility to their state government. TVW has grown into the nation’s preeminent statewide public affairs network. While at TVW, the Congressman hosted the renowned public affairs program Inside Olympia and won an Emmy for a documentary he wrote and produced.

Congressman Heck served his community in the State House of Representatives for nearly a decade. He was chosen by his colleagues to serve as Majority Leader before retiring in 1986. While in the State House, Congressman Heck was one of the prime authors of the state’s historic Basic Education Act. After his time in the Legislature, he served as Chief of Staff to Governor Booth Gardner during his second term.

Congressman Heck is a native Washingtonian and graduated from The Evergreen State College in 1973. He has been married for 39 years to Paula Fruci Heck, an educator who began her career as a teacher and retired as principal at Jefferson Middle School in Olympia. He and Paula have lived in Olympia for nearly 30 years and together they have two sons, Bob and Trey.
November 6th:

Heather Bartlett: Why Washington Leads in Stormwater Management


She has 23 years of natural resource and public health experience and degree in biology from Washington State University. She has a track record of working through complex and controversial issues.

She came to Ecology from the Washington State Department of Health, where she was Deputy Director Field Operations Manager for the Drinking Water Program for 16 months.

Most of Heather’s previous public service career was at the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, where she started her career as a fish biologist. While there, she served in supervisory positions in the fisheries program. She also was the hatchery-reform coordinator, the salmon and steelhead division manager. She was the hatcheries division manager when she left Fish and Wildlife to join the team at Health.

Heather is married to a high school English teacher who is also a head coach at Tumwater High School. They have two teenagers and live in Tumwater.