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<u>COLOMBIAN OFFICIALS TO VISIT OLD STATE CAPITOL AS PART OF THREE-DAY</u> <u>INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND GOVERNANCE SEMINAR</u>

Secretary of State Tom Schedler and the staff of Louisiana's Old State Capitol will welcome Colombian government officials at the Old State Capitol on Wednesday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. as part of the seminar on international government and governance. Secretary Schedler and Dr. Aristides Baraya, director of the Latin American Business and Development Initiative at Southeastern Louisiana University, are hosting the five-day event.

After a welcome from Secretary Schedler, Tom Ed McHugh, executive director, and Don Nijoka with the Louisiana Municipal Association will address the group. Felipe Martinez, project manager with Louisiana Economic Development, will speak during lunch.

After lunch, Commissioner of Elections Angie Rogers with Secretary Schedler's office will discuss the state's elections process. She will also provide a demonstration of the usage of the electronic voting machines used for early and election day voting. Finally, Secretary Schedler will give closing remarks prior to the group returning to New Orleans.

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