



MADE IN RURAL AMERICA INITIATIVE MEETING

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES 2014 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

U.S. Department of Agriculture

USDA Whitten Building

Secretary's Conference Room – 200A

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

NACo Members

Hon. Christopher Rodgers, Commissioner, Douglas County, NE; NACo Board Officer, Immediate Past President of NACo; Member, U.S. Department of Transportation National Freight Advisory Committee (NFAC)

Hon. Paula Brooks, Commissioner, Franklin County, OH; Chair, NACo International Economic Development Task Force

Hon. Welton Cadwell, Commissioner, Lake County, FL; Chair, NACo Community and Economic Development Committee; Member, NACo International Economic Development Task Force

Hon. Bob Fox, Commissioner, Renville County, MN; Chair, Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee

Hon. Ray Jeffers, Commissioner, Person County, NC; Chair, Rural Action Caucus

Hon. Thomas Coley, Commissioner, Tallapoosa County, AL; Vice-Chair, NACo International Economic Development Task Force

Mr. David Thompson, Executive Director, North Carolina Association of County Commissioners; Vice-Chair, NACo International Economic Development Task Force

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MEETING AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions

Discussion Topics

- **Federal partners' perspective on Made in Rural America Initiative and how it fits in the National Export Initiative**
- **2014 Timeline**
- **NACo's role as partners in Initiative**

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