Meeting of NACo’s International Economic Development Task Force

Monday, March 5, 10:45 AM—12:00 PM | Washington Hilton Hotel | Room: Lincoln East, Concourse Level

International Economic Development Task Force Leadership

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Meeting Agenda

Call to Order and Welcome

- Hon. Kathryn Starkey, Commissioner, Pasco County, Fla.

Presentation from U.S. Department of Commerce

- Mr. Patrick Kirwan, Director, Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee (TPCC), International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

Introductions of Speakers

Federal Tools for County-Driven International Economic Development

From employment in U.S. subsidiaries of foreign businesses, to jobs in U.S. companies exporting abroad, international trade brings many jobs to county economies. Counties play an essential role in creating the business-friendly environment for these activities. In this meeting, representatives from various branches of the federal government will talk with county officials about tools that the federal government has to offer those wishing to expand international trade and business in their county. The meeting is structured in 15 minute sessions that allow county officials to network directly and in small groups with the representatives, foster connections and learn how they can partner with the federal government to encourage economic growth through international trade and investment.

- Mr. William Fanjoy, USEAC Director, U.S. Export Assistance Center of Washington, D.C. and Virginia, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce
- Ms. Anne McKinney, Director of Investment Services, SelectUSA, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.
- Ms. Elizabeth Thomas, Director of Sales and Marketing, Export-Import Bank of the U.S.
- Mr. Scott Ticknor, Acting Special Representative for Commercial and Business Affairs, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Presentation on International Engagement-Ready Communities (IERC) Project

- Mr. Mark Troppe, Senior Vice President, Center for Regional Economic Competitiveness (CREC)

Closing Remarks

- Hon. Kathryn Starkey, Commissioner, Pasco County, Fla.

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