



## MEETING NACo—GERMAN EMBASSY, RGIT, SELECTUSA

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES 2014 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE  
REPRESENTATIVE OF GERMAN INDUSTRY AND TRADE (RGIT) OFFICE  
1776 I Street, N.W., Suite 1000  
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014  
8:30 AM—9:30 AM  
BREAKFAST WILL START AT 8:15 AM

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### NACo Members

**Hon. Paula Brooks**, Commissioner, Franklin County, OH; Chair, NACo International Economic Development Task Force  
**Hon. Thomas Coley**, Commissioner, Tallapoosa County, AL; Vice-Chair, NACo International Economic Development Task Force  
**Hon. Lindora Baker**, President, Commissioner, Caddo Parish, LA; Vice Chair, NACo Economic Development Subcommittee; Member, NACo International Economic Development Task Force  
**Hon. Stanley Batemon**, Chairman, St. Clair County, AL; NACo Chair, Veterans and Military Services Committee; Member, NACo International Economic Development Task Force  
**Hon. Larry Phillips**, Commissioner, Surry County, NC; Member, NACo International Economic Development Task Force; Chair of NC county association Economic Development Task Force

### NACo Staff

**Dr. Emilia Istrate**, NACo Research Director, Liaison, NACo International Economic Development Task Force  
**Kathy Nothstine**, NACo Program Director, Community and Economic Development

### German Embassy

**Rainer Rudolph**, Minister Counselor - Head of the Economic and Commercial Section, German Embassy  
**Robert Dehm**, Industry and Economic Affairs, German Embassy

### Representative of German Industry and Trade (RGIT)

**Dr. Thomas Zielke**, President and CEO, Representative of German Industry and Trade  
**Kevin Heidenreich**, Deputy Representative of German Industry and Trade  
**Dr. Christoph Schemionek**, Director Regional Economic Policy, World Bank Liaison

### SelectUSA

**Felicia Pullam**, Director of Outreach, SelectUSA, U.S. Department of Commerce

## MEETING AGENDA

### Welcome and Introductions

### Discussion Topics

- Challenges that German businesses face in locating in the United States - how counties can help
- “German Business Matters” - German Companies in the U.S.
- Opportunities for collaboration with county elected officials and NACo
- Opportunities in U.S. counties for German businesses

- Opportunities in Germany for U.S. businesses