International Economic Development Task Force

Meeting Agenda

Sunday, March 3, 1:00 P.M.—2:30 P.M. | Washington Hilton | Room: International Ballroom East

Task Force Leadership

Chair: Hon. Kathryn Starkey, Commissioner, Pasco County, Fla.
Vice Chair: Hon. Mary Lou Berger, Commissioner, Palm Beach County, Fla.
Vice Chair: Hon. Diane Burgis, Supervisor, Contra Costa County, Calif.
Vice Chair: Hon. Jim Harvey, Commissioner, Weber County, Utah
Vice Chair: Hon. Randy Maluchnik, Commissioner, Carver County, Minn.
Vice Chair: Hon. Stephanie Wright, Councilmember, Snohomish County, Wash.

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1:00 PM: Call to Order and Welcome
  • Hon. Kathryn Starkey, Commissioner, Pasco County, Fla.

1:05 PM: Update from SelectUSA
SelectUSA is a U.S. government-wide program led by the U.S. Department of Commerce that has facilitated nearly $46 billion in investment since it began. SelectUSA assists U.S. economic development organizations to compete globally for investment by providing information, a platform for international marketing and high-level advocacy. Join SelectUSA’s Executive Director to discuss the latest services they have to offer.
  • Mr. Brian Lenihan, Executive Director, SelectUSA, U.S. Department of Commerce

1:20 PM: Conversation with the Brookings Institution on Tariffs and Shifting U.S. Trade Relations
As shifts in U.S. trade policy ripple across the global economy, county governments and their residents feel the impacts on the ground. In this session, researchers from Brookings will discuss the recent tariffs implemented in 2018 and other important changes in U.S. trade policy, with a special focus on how county leaders can continue to encourage international economic development within their county economies.
  • Mr. Max Bouchet, Research Analyst, Metropolitan Policy Program, The Brookings Institution
  • Mr. Marek Gootman, Fellow and Director of Strategic Partnerships and Global Initiatives, Metropolitan Policy Program, The Brookings Institution

2:05 PM: Q + A

2:20PM: Open Discussion on the International Economic Development Task Force
During this last portion of the agenda, members will have a chance to discuss the direction and purpose of the International Economic Development Task Force with Task Force leadership, as well as what kind of focus they would like to see the group have moving forward.
  • Hon. Kathryn Starkey, Commissioner, Pasco County, Fla.

2:30 PM: Meeting Concludes

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