



# ILLINOIS INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS CALENDAR

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The **Illinois International Business Calendar** is a collaborative effort among the International Trade Association of Greater Chicago (ITA/GC), the Office of Trade and Investment of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), and the Illinois District Export Council (IDEC), on behalf of the U.S. Export Assistance Center Chicago (USEAC). The **Calendar** is also available on the ITA/GC's website: [www.itagc.org](http://www.itagc.org).

**Inclusion Policy:** As a public service to the international business community, we publish a listing of **international business events** for which we receive **written** notification, preferably by e-mail ([info@itagc.org](mailto:info@itagc.org)) or fax (773/725-2294). Any organization may submit events that would be of interest to, **and are open to** the Illinois international business community. There is no charge. All calendar listings are subject to the editor's discretion. Inclusion of an event does not imply endorsement by any of the sponsoring organizations.

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## New events, and events with additional/revised information, are indicated in Green.

- July 8 - **CHINESE CULTURAL AND LANGUAGE COURSE**. Three-session course sponsored by the World Trade Center Illinois and Silk Road Communications. Each session provides a unique combination of basic Mandarin Chinese and business and cultural etiquette. Session 1 topics: *Concept of Culture & Character of Culture; Understanding the Differences between American and Chinese Culture*. Session 2 topics: *Communicating Effectively with Chinese; Dimensions of Chinese Culture*. Session 3 topics: *Modern Pressures Challenging Traditional Chinese Culture; Doing Business in China*. Presentation by **Joy Zhang**, Founder, Silk Road Communications. 4:30 – 8:30 p.m., 200 East Randolph Street, Suite 2200, Chicago. Fee for 3 sessions: WTCI Members - \$220; Non-members - \$240; Students - \$180. Advance registration required by 5:00 p.m., July 7. For information & registration, please see: [www.wtcillinois.org/wtcieventsdetails.aspx?id=133](http://www.wtcillinois.org/wtcieventsdetails.aspx?id=133); e-mail: [szhao@wtcc.org](mailto:szhao@wtcc.org); or call: 312/467-2924.
- July 9 - **FOREIGN EXCHANGE**. Three-day course offered by DePaul University's College of Commerce, Center for Financial Services. Participants will gain a basic understanding of foreign exchange markets, products and forecasting. This background will be applied to foreign exchange exposure management and foreign exchange investment techniques. Instructor: **Karim Pakravan**, Associate Professor of Finance, DePaul University, 1 East Jackson Boulevard, Chicago. Fee: \$3,075. For information & registration, please call 312/362-5801 or e-mail: [hcrother@depaul.edu](mailto:hcrother@depaul.edu).
- July 10 - **DOING BUSINESS IN CHINA**. Event organized by the Chicagoland Asia Business Exchange; co-sponsored by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs. Presentations include Motorola, Accenture, a tour of Motorola's Innovation Center, and various concurrent breakout sessions to meet with a variety of Chicago-based business leaders doing China business. Topics will include due diligence, innovation, managing risks, and talent management. Attendees will include a delegation of 25 leaders of SMEs in China. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Motorola World Headquarters, Innovation Center, Entrance A, 1303 East Algonquin Road Schaumburg, IL. Fee: \$350 (Members of The Chicago Council on Global Affairs and the International Trade Association of Greater Chicago will enjoy a 50% registration discount). For a full agenda, more information, and to register online, please visit: <http://asiabusiness.executivelearningexchange.com>.

- July 10 ***BUILDING GLOBAL BRANDS IN JAPAN: LESSONS LEARNED FROM KELLOGG'S AND MCDONALD'S.*** Program sponsored by The Japan America Society of Chicago in cooperation with The Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Chicago. Presentation by **Ken G. Kabira**, Former Chief Marketing Officer, McDonald's Japan. 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Komatsu America Corp., 1701 West Golf Road, 2nd Floor, Rolling Meadows, IL. Members of sponsoring organizations - \$25; Non-members - \$35. For information & registration, please e-mail: [kono@jaschicago.org](mailto:kono@jaschicago.org), or see: [www.jaschicago.org](http://www.jaschicago.org).
- July 14 - ***ISLAMIC FINANCE.*** Three-day course offered by DePaul University's College of Commerce, Center for Financial Services. Participants will gain a basic understanding of Islamic law as it relates to commercial activity, an overview of the Islamic finance industry both globally and in the United States, and will be exposed to practical examples of how Islamic finance integrates with the international financial markets. Instructor: **Karen Hunt-Ahmed**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Finance, DePaul University. DePaul University, 1 East Jackson Boulevard, Chicago. Fee: \$3,075. For information & registration, please call 312/362-5801 or e-mail: [hcrother@depaul.edu](mailto:hcrother@depaul.edu).
- July 14 ***BASTILLE DAY FORUM: FRANCE AND THE EUROPEAN UNION.*** Luncheon program sponsored by the French-American Chamber of Commerce of Chicago to commemorate the beginning of France's six-month term as President of the Council of the EU. Presentations by **The Honorable Jean Baptiste Main de Boissière**, Consul General of France in Chicago; **Michael Loriaux**, PHD, Associate Professor of Political Science, Northwestern University; **Robert Litan**, PhD, Vice President of Research and Policy, Kauffman Foundation. 11:30 a.m., Sofitel Chicago Water Tower, 20 East Chestnut Street, Chicago. Fee: \$50; advance registration required. For information & registration, please call 312/578-0444 or e-mail: [information@face-chicago.com](mailto:information@face-chicago.com).
- July 15 ***UPDATE ON MEXICO'S NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM: UPCOMING BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES.*** This Webinar, sponsored by the U.S. Commercial Service, will update U.S. companies on Mexico's National Infrastructure Program involving \$250 billion in business opportunities. Projects in ports, airports, highways, power, oil and gas, and the environment will offer a valuable business pipeline for American primary/subcontractors and suppliers in these sectors. The U.S. Commercial Service Mexico will provide an overview of the opportunities for U.S. companies, information on the bidding process in Mexico, and a presentation by a representative of a highly successful U.S. company with insight on doing business in Mexico. 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. CDT. For information & registration, please e-mail: [aliza.totayo@mail.doc.gov](mailto:aliza.totayo@mail.doc.gov).
- July 16 ***UNDERSTANDING AND PROTECTING YOUR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS IN INDIA.*** Webinar sponsored by the U.S. Commercial Service. Participants will: Get insights into India's evolving IP environment; Learn how to protect patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets in India; Find out about U.S. Government resources for protecting your IPR in India. Presentations by **Cassie Peters**, International Trade Specialist, and **Dominic Keating**, IP Attaché, U.S. Embassy New Delhi. 1:00 – 2:00 p.m., CDT. Fee: \$35. For information & registration, please e-mail: [linda.abbruzzese@mail.doc.gov](mailto:linda.abbruzzese@mail.doc.gov).
- July 16 ***STAMMTISCH (INFORMAL BUSINESS NETWORKING).*** Event sponsored by the Young Executives Committee of the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest. 6:00 p.m., Überstein, 3478 North Clark Street, Chicago. No charge; cash bar; no RSVP required. For further information, please call 312/644-2662.

- July 17 ***ENHANCED R&D TAX CREDIT: WHO OFFERS BUSINESSES THE BEST RESEARCH TAX CREDIT IN THE EUROPEAN UNION?*** Breakfast seminar sponsored by the French-American Chamber of Commerce of Chicago. Learn: How the French R&D Tax Credit scheme works; What type of companies and activities qualify; How to optimize your credit amount based on your EBIT; How to secure the related processes and leverage a potential audit. Presentations by **Sabine Enjalbert**, Innovation Financing Director, LowendalMasai, and **Ludovic Vallet**, Vice President, Invest in France Agency Chicago. 8:00 – 10:00 a.m., Sofitel Chicago O’Hare, 5550 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. FACC Members – no charge; Non-members - \$20. For information & registration, please call 312/578-0444 or e-mail: [information@facc-chicago.com](mailto:information@facc-chicago.com).
- July 20 - 25 ***MIDWEST FOOD & AG BUYERS MISSION***. Sponsored by Food Export – Midwest, up to 20 buyers from around the world will meet one-on-one with Midwest food and agricultural exporters. These meetings offer unparalleled opportunity for each participant to learn more about exporting, marketing requirements or capabilities, strategies, opportunities and limitations in a variety of foreign markets. For further information, please call 312/334-9200 or e-mail: [info@foodexport.org](mailto:info@foodexport.org).
- July 22 ***THE U.S. DOLLAR’S FUTURE AGAINST THE EURO, SWISS FRANC, JAPANESE YEN AND CHINESE YUAN***. Dinner program sponsored by the International Trade Association of Greater Chicago and the Swiss – American Business Council. Presentations by **Angie Kappel**, Vice President, Foreign Exchange, KeyBank, and **Nicholas Savramis**, Senior Vice President, Currency Risk Management, Charter One Bank. 5:30 p.m., Rosewood Restaurant, 9421 West Higgins Road, Rosemont, IL. ITA/GC and SABC Members - \$40; Non-members - \$50. For information & registration, please e-mail [rsvp@itagc.org](mailto:rsvp@itagc.org) or call: 773/725-1106.
- July 25 ***PHILIPPINE IT ADVANTAGE***. Luncheon seminar organized by the Philippine Trade & Investment Center – Chicago and the Philippine Software Industry Association to highlight the capabilities of the Philippines in software and other IT services, and as a destination for global sourcing. Leading Philippine software development companies will be present. 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., TechNexus Center, Illinois IT Association, 200 South Wacker Drive, 15th Floor, Chicago. No charge; advance registration required. For information & registration, please call 312/345-9030 or e-mail: [ptic-ch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ptic-ch@sbcglobal.net).
- July 30 ***FIFTH U.S.-AFRICA TRADE & INVESTMENT FORUM***. Seminar sponsored by the Continental Africa Chamber of Commerce USA. Top business leaders, cabinet ministers, ambassadors, commercial counselors, and other leading government officials from the U.S. will be present to promote trade and investment. 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Navy Pier, 600 East Grand Avenue, Entrance #2, Lobby #3, 3rd Floor Meeting Room #328, Chicago. CACC Members - \$150; Non-members - \$250. For information & registration, please call 312/987-1892 or e-mail: [info@continentalacc.org](mailto:info@continentalacc.org).
- July 30 ***2008 DOUBLE EAGLE AWARDS DINNER***. Event sponsored by the United States-Mexico Chamber of Commerce, Mid-America Chapter. Awardees: **His Excellency Eduardo Sojo**, Secretary of Economy of Mexico, and Baker & McKenzie. 5:30 – 9:00 p.m., Chicago Hilton & Towers, 720 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago. Fee: \$250. For information & registration, please see: <http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Invitation.aspx?e=debe9b69-f431-48fc-8bc3-f5829c5e6d90>.
- July 31 ***SELLING TO AFRICA & SUB-SAHARAN WITH U.S. EX-IM BANK FINANCING***. Conference sponsored by: Export-Import Bank of the United States; Milwaukee World Trade Association; International Credit Executives Group of Wisconsin; General Electric Company. Presentations by: **John Richter**, Regional Director, Africa, Ex-Im Bank; **Michael Howard**, Director, Ex-Im Bank Midwest Regional Office; **Dennis Dubois**, Sovereign Bank; **Mark Chiaviello**, Standard Bank Group. 8:00 – 11:30 a.m., GE Healthcare Global Institute, Waukesha, WI. Fee: \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. For information & registration, please see: [www.icewi.org](http://www.icewi.org).

- July 31 ***ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES: HOW DOES A PRICE HIKE IN ENERGY AFFECT THE GLOBAL ECONOMY?*** Reception and presentation sponsored by the Japan America Society of Chicago. Presentation by **Yoshihiko Kawamura**, Senior Vice President & General Manager, Mitsubishi International Corporation. 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, 525 West Monroe Street, Chicago. JASC Members - \$25; Non-members - \$35. For information & registration, please see [www.jaschicago.org](http://www.jaschicago.org) or call 312/263-3049.
- Aug. 3 ***INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES FROM CHINA'S EDUCATION MARKET.*** Webinar sponsored by Artisan Business Group. U.S. educational institutions and companies can tap the increasing opportunities in China's growing education and training market by collaborating with Chinese educational institutions. 2:00-3:00 p.m. CST. Fee: \$90. For information & registration, please see [www.midwestusachina.com](http://www.midwestusachina.com) or e-mail: [info@midwestusachina.com](mailto:info@midwestusachina.com).
- Aug. 13 ***COMPLYING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC IN ARMS REGULATIONS (ITAR) IN THE INVIGORATED ENFORCEMENT ENVIRONMENT.*** Seminar sponsored by: U.S. Commercial Service; JPMorgan; Baker & McKenzie; Illinois District Export Council. Participants will receive: an overview of the players, policies and processes of U.S. export controls & compliance; insight into minimizing exposure, liability and risk; ethics in trade compliance; recent State Department changes & trends, brokering, voluntary disclosures, directed audits, mandated measures, third-country/dual nationals, d-trade, merger & acquisition due diligence. 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Meadows Club, 2950 West Golf Road, Rolling Meadows, IL. Fee: \$250 (deadline: August 8). For information & registration, please call Robin Mugford at 847/327-9082 or see: [www.buyusa.gov/midwest/227.html](http://www.buyusa.gov/midwest/227.html).
- Aug. 13 ***HOT AUGUST NIGHT: INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SOCIAL CRUISE & FIREWORKS DISPLAY.*** Event sponsored by the International Trade Association of Greater Chicago and HSBC USA with the Chicago International Trade Commissioners Association. Join us aboard the Mystic Blue for a buffet dinner, dancing, incomparable Chicago skyline views and the Navy Pier fireworks display from Lake Michigan. 6:30 – 10:00 p.m.; board at Navy Pier, Chicago. \$80 per person; \$75 for two or more. Advance registration required by July 14. For information & registration, please e-mail: [rsvp@itagc.org](mailto:rsvp@itagc.org) or call 773/725-1106.
- Aug. 15 ***2008 INTERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE EXPO – CHICAGO.*** Conference sponsored by the Chicago International Real Estate Council. Includes informational sessions covering international trends and issues. 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza, 350 North Orleans Street, Chicago. Fee: \$49. For information & registration, please call Jessica Sivels at 312/214-5534; e-mail: [jsivels@chicagorealtor.com](mailto:jsivels@chicagorealtor.com); or see: [www.chicagorealtor.com/international](http://www.chicagorealtor.com/international).
- Aug. 15 ***FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN REAL PROPERTY FOR IMMIGRATION PURPOSES.*** Seminar sponsored by the Chicago International Real Estate Council. Presentation by **Don Gonzalez**, Attorney, Gonzalez and Associates. 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza, 350 North Orleans Street, Chicago. Fee: \$49. For information & registration, please call Jessica Sivels at 312/214-5534; e-mail: [jsivels@chicagorealtor.com](mailto:jsivels@chicagorealtor.com); or see: [www.chicagorealtor.com/international](http://www.chicagorealtor.com/international).
- Aug. 17 ***INTRODUCTION TO CHINA'S SAFETY AND SECURITY MARKET.*** Webinar sponsored by Artisan Business Group. Topics include: *Overview of China's Safety and Security Market; Opportunities for U.S. Business and Exporters; Best Prospects for U.S. Companies; Market Entry Strategies; Cultural and Legal Issues; Introduction to China's Regulators and Industry Associations; Business Resources.* 2:00-3:30 p.m. CDT. For information & registration, please see: [www.midwestusachina.com](http://www.midwestusachina.com).

- Sep. 8 - ***SUMMIT FOR US-INDIA TRADE & ECONOMICS (SUITE) 2008***. Event sponsored by the: Indo-American Chamber of Commerce; U.S. India Chamber of Commerce – Midwest; Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce; International Trade Club of Chicago; Indian Consulate General in Chicago. Industry sectors include: Alternate Energy; Automotive & Auto Components; Aviation & Aerospace; Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals; Information & Communication Technologies; Infrastructure & Real Estate; Processed Food & Agriculture Products; Taxation & Finance. The Mid-America Club, 200 East Randolph Street, 80th Floor, Chicago. Fee: \$250 by July 15; thereafter: Members of sponsoring organizations - \$300; Non-members - \$400. For information & registration, please see: [http://www.iaccindia.com/40\\_suit\\_forms.htm](http://www.iaccindia.com/40_suit_forms.htm).
- Sep. 9 ***CLEAN TECHNOLOGIES & SUSTAINABILITY: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES & OPPORTUNITIES***. Event sponsored by the: Economic Development Council's Technology Commercialization Task Force; Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; Illinois Global Partnership; The Boeing Company; Chicago International Trade Commissioners Association; Consulate General of the Netherlands; UK Trade & Investment; U.S. Commercial Service/Illinois; and others. Reflecting the increased global awareness and demand for cleaner technologies, this event will bring together local, Midwest, and international entrepreneurs, practitioners, and policy makers to share best practices and discover new synergies for collaboration, cooperation, and commercialization. Participants will hear the latest policy views from global leaders through Panel Discussions on *Economic & Public Policy* and *Science & Technology Commercialization*. Later, they will have an opportunity for in-depth discussions and networking in the Sectoral Breakout sessions including: *Sustainable Water & Land Management; Solid Waste & Recycling; Architecture & Design; Renewable Energy; and Biomaterials & Green Manufacturing*. Participants will have the opportunity to see table-top exhibits of clean technologies, products, and services related to the breakout sectors. 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois. At the conclusion, buses will be available to take participants to McCormick Place for a special guided tour of the International Manufacturing Technology Show (IMTS). Members and clients of sponsoring organizations - \$100; International participants - \$100; Non-members - \$125. For additional information on sponsorship opportunities, exhibiting or registration, please see: [www.ChicagoCleanTech2008.com](http://www.ChicagoCleanTech2008.com); or contact John Stutts at 312/423-9008; or e-mail: [jstutts@illinoisglobal.org](mailto:jstutts@illinoisglobal.org).
- Sep. 11 - ***FIFTH INTERNATIONAL PRODUCT AUTHENTICATION & BRAND SECURITY CONFERENCE***.  
12 Event organized by AWA Conferences & Events in association with the Brand Protection Alliance and the Association for Automatic Identification and Mobility. Topics include: *Working Together to Champion Intellectual Property Rights; U.S. Customs and Border Protection Update; U.S. Department of Commerce, Commercial Service Program to Support U.S. Exporters; Safeguarding the Health Care Supply Chain; Protecting Consumer Products; Securing the Food & Beverage Supply Chain; Protecting the Retail Supply Chain; Building a World-class Brand Protection Program*. Hyatt Rosemont, 6350 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Fee - \$995; Tabletop space - \$350; CD Proceedings - \$400. For information & registration, call 703/821-3853 or see: [www.awa-bv.com](http://www.awa-bv.com).
- Sep. 25 ***CHINA: THREAT OR OPPORTUNITY***. Seminar sponsored by National City Bank and the United States of America – China Chamber of Commerce. Presentation by **Alfred Ho**, Vice President and Director of China Advisory Service, International Division, Global Trade & Supply Chain Solutions, National City. 7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., National City Bank, One North Franklin Street, 24th Floor, Chicago. First registrant - \$175; additional registrants from same company - \$125. For information & registration, please see: [www.nationalcityseminars.com/Seminar.asp?seminar=420](http://www.nationalcityseminars.com/Seminar.asp?seminar=420).

- Sep. 25 - ***CREDIT MARKET TURMOIL OF 2007-08: IMPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC POLICY.*** Eleventh  
26 Annual International Banking Conference sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and the European Central Bank. Speakers include: **Charles L. Evans**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; **José Manuel González-Páramo**, Board Member, European Central Bank; **Patrick Honohan**, Trinity College, Dublin; **David Greenlaw**, Morgan Stanley; **Christopher Kent**, Reserve Bank of Australia; **John Hull**, University of Toronto; **Nuno Cassola**, European Central Bank; **Cornelia Holthausen**, European Central Bank; **Nout Wellink**, President, Netherlands Bank and Chairman, Basel Committee on Banking Supervision; **Takatoshi Ito**, University of Tokyo; **Charles Dallara**, Managing Director, The Institute of International Finance, Inc. 9:00 a.m., Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago. Fee: \$600. For information & registration, please call Douglas Evanoff at 312/322-5814; e-mail: [devanoff@frbchi.org](mailto:devanoff@frbchi.org); or see: [www.chicagofed.org/internationalbankingconference](http://www.chicagofed.org/internationalbankingconference).
- Sep. 25 ***IMPORTING 2008.*** Seminar sponsored by Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A. For new and experienced importers, this program will provide a thorough understanding of the major areas of concern under the Customs laws. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A., 225 West Washington Street, Chicago. Fee: \$370. For information & registration, call 312/641-0000 or e-mail: [gbarrientos@strtrade.com](mailto:gbarrientos@strtrade.com).
- Sep. 26 ***NAFTA QUALIFICATIONS, COMPLIANCE & RECORDKEEPING.*** Seminar sponsored by Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A. Gain a clear understanding of NAFTA, including the critical Rules of Origin as well as compliance and recordkeeping requirements. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A., 225 West Washington Street, Chicago. Fee: \$370. For information & registration, please call 312/641-0000 or e-mail: [gbarrientos@strtrade.com](mailto:gbarrientos@strtrade.com).
- Oct. 5 ***PROFITABLE AND EFFECTIVE SOURCING FROM CHINA.*** Webinar sponsored by Artisan Business Group. Topics include: *Overview of the China Supplier Industry; Developing an Effective Sourcing Strategy; Selection of Reliable Factory and Partner; Chinese Factory Practice and Management; Quality Control and Assurance; Suppliers Compliance Auditing; Intellectual Property Right Protection; Arrangement of Your Visits in China; Logistics and Payment Issues; Q &A.* 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. CST. For information & registration, please see: [www.midwestusachina.com](http://www.midwestusachina.com).
- Oct. 12 ***ATTRACTING ASIAN INVESTORS TO U.S. EB5 INVESTMENT PROJECTS.*** Webinar sponsored by Artisan Business Group. Topics include: *Overview of Asian Outbound Immigration Investments; Major EB-5 Projects Available in Asian Market; the Characteristics of Asian Investors; Asian Investors' Decision Making Process; Developing Effective Marketing Strategies; Partnering with Asian Marketers; Cultural and Legal Issues, Q &A.* 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. CST. For information & registration, please see: [www.midwestusachina.com](http://www.midwestusachina.com).
- Oct. 16 ***THE BASICS OF EXPORTING: UNDERSTANDING U.S. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS.*** Seminar, sponsored by Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A., provides a comprehensive overview of the various U.S. export laws and regulations, with a general introduction to the different agencies that exercise jurisdiction over certain financial transactions and the export/re-export of commodities, software and technology. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A., 225 West Washington Street, Chicago. Fee: \$370. For information & registration, please call 312/641-0000 or e-mail: [gbarrientos@strtrade.com](mailto:gbarrientos@strtrade.com)

- Oct. 30 ***INVESTOR BRIEFING ON SOUTHEAST ASIA'S NEW EXPANDED SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE (RIAU ISLANDS, INDONESIA)***. Event sponsored by the: Province of Riau Islands; Baker & McKenzie; American Indonesian Chamber of Commerce; and the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia in Chicago. Speakers include: **Dr. Ismeth Abdullah**, Governor of the Kepri Riau (Riau Islands) Province and Former Chairman of the Batam Industrial Development Authority where the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) is located; **Barry Metzger**, Senior Partner, Global Banking & Finance Practice Group, Baker & McKenzie and Former General Counsel, Asian Development Bank; **Wayne Forrest**, President of the American Indonesian Chamber of Commerce; **Hidayat Karta Hadimaja**, Indonesian Consulate General in Chicago; and **Diono Nurjadin**, Chairman, U.S. Committee, Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and President, Cardig, Indonesia. 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., Baker & McKenzie, 130 East Randolph Drive, Chicago. No charge; advance registration required. For information & registration, please see: <http://kwrintl.com/press/2008/investorbriefing2.html>.
- Nov. 13 ***PREPARING FOR U.S. CUSTOMS FOCUSED ASSESSMENT***. Seminar, sponsored by Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A., analyzes the compliance-related elements of the Mod Act and offers concrete advice on preparing for and surviving a Customs focused assessment. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A., 225 West Washington Street, Chicago. Fee: \$370. For information & registration, please call 312/641-0000 or e-mail: [gbarrientos@strtrade.com](mailto:gbarrientos@strtrade.com).
- Nov. 14 ***MANAGING CUSTOMS VALUATION***. Seminar, sponsored by Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A., focuses on the strategies and techniques companies use to lower Customs duties and to support planning, pricing and value declarations. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A., 225 West Washington Street, Chicago. Fee: \$370. For information & registration, please call 312/641-0000 or e-mail: [gbarrientos@strtrade.com](mailto:gbarrientos@strtrade.com).
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## About the Sponsoring Organizations...

Founded in December 1977, **The International Trade Association of Greater Chicago (ITA/GC)** was incorporated in January 1979 as an Illinois not-for-profit, voluntary business association dedicated to promoting international commerce in all its forms by providing a forum for the exchange of practical information and insight within the international business community. Annual membership dues are: Individual - \$150; Consular/Diplomatic - \$75 (up to 3 members); Academic/Faculty - \$200 (up to 8 designated faculty members); Student from a participating academic institution - \$25; Regular student - \$50; Associate/Non-resident (more than 150 miles from O'Hare International Airport) - \$50; Retired/Job Transition - \$50; Corporate (up to 8 designated members) - \$300. For a Membership Application, please call 773/725-1106; e-mail: [info@itagc.org](mailto:info@itagc.org); or visit: [www.itagc.org](http://www.itagc.org).

The **Office of Trade and Investment (OTI) of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)** is the State of Illinois' lead international advocate in promoting job retention and creation in Illinois through International Trade and Investment. The OTI motto of offering assistance to the business community by being "State Focused – Globally Connected" is accomplished through a three-tier international network consisting of: International Trade/NAFTA Opportunity Centers regionally located throughout Illinois to provide local export training; Statewide counseling and assistance provided through the OTI Chicago headquarters' staff; and foreign State of Illinois Regional Trade Offices providing in-country assistance for Illinois businesses. To contact the OTI of DCEO, please call 312/814-2828 or visit: [www.illinoisbiz.biz/bus/ito/index.html](http://www.illinoisbiz.biz/bus/ito/index.html).

The **U.S. Export Assistance Center Chicago** is part of the Commercial Service of the U.S. Department of Commerce and is committed to assisting U.S. firms in realizing their export potential. We do this by providing expert counseling and advice, information on markets abroad, international contacts and advocacy services. The U.S. Export Assistance Centers in Chicago, Peoria, Libertyville and Rockford are part of the Commercial Service of the U.S. Department of Commerce. Around the world, the 1,400 men and women of the

Commercial Service promote and protect U.S. business interests abroad. The Export Assistance Centers throughout the United States offer a full range of export programs and services under one roof. Here in Chicago, we are co-located with the Small Business Administration and the U.S. Export-Import Bank to provide export financing assistance to companies in Illinois and throughout the Midwest. To contact the U.S. Export Assistance Center, please call 312/353-8040 or visit: [www.buyusa.gov/uppermidwest](http://www.buyusa.gov/uppermidwest).

Comprised of 28 volunteers appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, the **Illinois District Export Council** supports, assists and advises the U.S. Export Assistance Center Chicago in its mission to increase the exports of the United States. For further information, please e-mail: [info@illinoisdec.org](mailto:info@illinoisdec.org).