



2008

National District Export Council Conference
“TRAVEL & TRADE - REDEFINING EXPORTS”

Presented by:
California Inland Empire District Export Council

October 15th -18th
Palm Springs, Wyndham Hotel

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Invited Keynote Speakers



Carlos M. Gutierrez
Secretary of Commerce



Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California

Susan Schwab
U.S. Trade Representative, Ambassador

Caroline Beteta
California Travel & Tourism
Commission Executive



Gene Randall
Award Winning Journalist, CNN, NBC

CONFERENCE CONTACTS

Registration, Conference details and general questions should be directed to:

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For Sponsorship Opportunities please contact Tim Murphy, Vice-President Comerica Bank at Timm@ciedec.org

The California Inland Empire District Export Council is proud to present the 2008 National District Export Council Conference, the premier forum for exporting and international trade.

The 2008 National District Export Council Conference in California - the world's eighth largest economy - will bring together senior U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Trade Representative Diplomats, CEOs and foreign leaders to discuss issues and share knowledge to promote U.S. exports.

Registration is open to new and established exporters, or those just interested in learning about international trade. There will be an unprecedented 22 breakout sessions to select from, plus five keynote sessions. These sessions will include an impressive roster of international speakers on a range of topics designed to cater to your broad export and trade policies. Featured discussions will include export opportunities and policies for small enterprises, environmental technologies, alternative energy, emerging markets, local and regional export models and much, much more.

Senior Commercial Officers representing U.S. Embassies from multiple countries will be available for one-on-one meetings. These meetings will provide a forum to discuss your specific business interest in select markets. These appointments must be scheduled in advance and require a \$100 fee.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet with over 400 professionals involved in International trade and participate in the continuation of the "Great Debate" moderated by award winning journalist Gene Randall. This forum provides an interactive opportunity to debate issues surrounding Free Trade Agreements, Safety & Security issues, the direct impact on your business and the exporting community at large.

Along with this comes the opportunity to visit beautiful Palm Springs, California and sneak in world class golfing, gaming and fine dining both through our social programs and through possible pre or post conference trips and activities. Family and guests are welcome and there will be a nice selection of fun activities for them to choose from and participate in.

The world class luxurious Wyndham Hotel in Palm Springs will cater to your personal lodging needs as well as provide access to exciting social activities, every attendee will truly feel like a VIP!

We look forward to an exciting conference and hope to see you there!

Sponsored by:



Breakout Sessions by Markets, Tools & Impacts

Agenda at a Glance;

Wednesday, October 15th

12:00pm -7:00pm: Registration
 12:15pm – 1:45pm: Lunch
 2:00pm – 5:15pm: Best Practices, Steering Committee & Subcommittee Meetings
 5:15pm – 7:00pm: Networking
 6:00pm - Welcome Reception-Wyndham Poolside

Thursday, October 16th

7:00am – 9:00am: Registration & Breakfast
 8:00am – 10:30am: Opening, Keynote, and "Great Debate" on Free Trade Agreements – Gene Randall, Moderator
 10:45am – 12:15pm: Breakout Sessions
 12:15pm – 2:00pm: Address by the Chief Guest and Lunch
 2:15pm – 3:30pm: Plenary on "International Trade – Security & Safety" - Gene Randall, Moderator
 3:45pm – 5:15pm: Breakout Sessions
 7:00pm – "Green Engineering" Dinner and Gaming at Agua Caliente Casino

Friday, October 17th

7:00am – 8:30am: Registration & Breakfast
 8:45am – 10:00am: Keynote on Foreign Investment
 10:15am – 11:45am: Breakout Sessions
 12:00pm – 2:00pm: Keynote & Lunch
 2:15pm – 3:30pm: Breakout Sessions
 3:45pm – 5:00pm: Best Practices
 6:00pm – CLOSING / "HOLLYWOOD Night in Palm Springs"

Saturday, October 18th

8:00am – 9:30am: Breakfast
 ALL DAY- Optional Golf/Tours/Family Day!

MARKET/INDUSTRY FOCUS

Market and industry are the essence of conducting business abroad. These sessions will draw on a combination of country/market and Industries

Sessions:

- Green Technologies & Renewable Energies
- Business Opportunities/Country Outlooks: Asia, Middle East, Africa, Europe, Western Hemisphere, Newly Independent States.
- China: Banking reforms, opportunities and market entry strategies

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

Keep abreast of the latest rules and regulations and obtain tools from your Contemporaries and experts to help your business thrive.

Sessions:

- Financing your operation in Asia
- Export Control Regulations (ITAR/EAR)
- Devising market entry strategies
- Building distribution networks
- Avoiding common pitfalls
- Communications and negotiation techniques
- Protecting Intellectual Property Rights – conducting your Intellectual Property Audit
- Protecting Intellectual Property Rights – conducting your IP Audit

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH TRADE

Global trade has evolved into a highly complex web of interdependency, shared production and marketing that makes it difficult to assess policy impacts down to the local and firm level. These sessions are designed to explore new perspectives on trade and its opportunities and challenges.

Sessions:

- Travel and Tourism as an Export
- Commercial Diplomacy
- Sustainable development through trade
- Security, Safety and Business Continuity
- Goods Movement, Transportation and Infrastructure
- Other non-traditional exports

ONE-ON-ONE MEETING WITH SENIOR COMMERCIAL OFFICERS (SCO).

- By appointment: Consultations with SCO's from Australia, China, Taiwan, Columbia, European Union, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Vietnam

*The SCO is the Senior Department of Commerce Representative at the U.S. Embassy.

Gaming at Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Casino, Resort & Spa- Offers non-stop gaming action in a beautiful, friendly setting that was voted "best of the best" in the entire region.

Optional Events & Activities

Palm Springs and the surrounding Inland Empire have an abundance of activities available for the individual, couple, or family. These activities include:

- Golf at over 100 world class courses,
- Hiking in the local hills, canyons, deserts
- Palm Springs Aerial Tram
- Spectacular oasis at Indian Canyons
- The Living Desert
- Diamond Valley Lake & Visitors Center
- Palm Desert Windmill Farm
- Western Center for Archaeology & Paleontology
- Wine tasting in Temecula Valley Wine Country
- Horseback Riding
- First class restaurants and high end shops

For more information regarding local activities, please consult our on-site concierge can also assist with questions and booking. Please visit our website at www.deconference.org for more information.

Explore The Power! An Eco-Adventure of a lifetime! Learn about wind energy, a sustainable renewable energy source and other non-polluting power sources.

DEC Conference Golf Event – Wednesday, October 15th at Indian Canyons Golf Resort, an 18-hole championship course designed by Casey O'Callaghan along with design consultant, Amy Alcott, LPGA Hall of Famer! Shotgun starts at 8:00am; \$95 includes cart and lunch – register via web at www.deconference.com

REGISTER ONLINE @ WWW.DECCONFERENCE.COM

REGISTER EARLY FOR DISCOUNTED RATE Early registration through July 1, 2008: \$350.00 for full conference, one day registration \$125.00!

HOTEL

Accommodations
 Provided by Wyndham
 Palm Springs, California

Wyndham Palm Springs is located in the heart of Palm Springs shopping and entertainment district, and only minutes by car to Casinos and the Palm Springs Aerial Tram.

For Reservations Contact:

Wyndham Palm Springs
 888 E. Tahquitz Canyon Wy
 Palm Springs, CA 92622
 Phone: (760) 322 8000

Reservations Code:
 "DEC Conference"

Western Center



Agua Caliente Casino



Diamond Valley Lake



Aerial Tram



Palm Desert Windmill Farm



Registration and Ticket Form - 2008 National District Export Council

Palm Springs, California USA

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Registration Information: Tickets to National District Export Council events are limited and sold on a first-come, first-serve basis; advance purchase is recommended. Remember to include the DEC meeting dates when reserving your hotel room. Conference meetings and ticketed DEC events are open to all DEC Conference registrants, unless otherwise noted.

Processing and Confirmation: The 2008 DEC Conference Registration Services requires 3-4 weeks to process registration forms; please allow more time for forms submitted on or around registration deadline dates. We appreciate your patience. Once your registration has been processed, you will receive an e-mail confirmation. If you require a visa to enter the United States, registering before the first registration deadline (1 March 2008) is strongly recommended, to allow adequate time for registration and visa processing. For detailed information on U.S. visa requirements, go to <http://travel.state.gov>.

2008 DEC Conference Fees

Registration Deadline Complete Set 1: July 31, 2008 - Fees: US \$350.00

Registration Deadline Complete Set 2: September 31, 2008 - Fees: US \$395.00

One Day Registration - Fees: US \$125.00

One-on-One Appointment - Fees: US \$100.00 per 30 minute session.

Ways to Register

* Fax to: 2008 National DEC Registration Services at : 909-466-4140

* Mail to: 2008 National DEC, 2940 Inland Empire Blvd, Suite 121, Ontario, California 91764 USA

* Online: <http://www.deconference.com>

If using this form to mail or fax please select from the following; _____

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

State: _____ Country: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Please select from the following and indicate number of each:

Registration - Complete Set \$350.00 (postmarked by July 31, 2008) One Day Registration - \$125.00

Registration - Complete Set \$395.00 (postmarked by September 31, 2008)

Registration - One-on-One Appointment \$100.00 each - After you register for the National District Export Conference and include the One-on-One appointment feature, you will be contacted for selection details. Each meeting will last approximately 30 minutes.

Registration Categories - please select one

District Export Council Member

Conference Registrant

U.S. Government Employee

Elected Official

/My guest requires special needs (check all that apply)

Wheelchair

Vegetarian

Other _____

Additional Information:

Interested in Sponsorship I wish to serve as a volunteer This is my first National District Export Council Conference

CIEDEC may provide your contact information to DEC members for assistance in future DEC planning conference-related activities.

Indicate whether you want your contact information shared with others:

YES, CIEDEC may use my information as outlined above. NO, CIEDEC may use my information as outlined above.

Enter coupon code for "sponsor-only" registrants: _____

Payment Information

Check (Payable to CIEDEC in U.S. Dollars) Visa Mastercard American Express Card#: _____

Name as it appears on Card: _____

Signature: _____ Exp Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Credit Card Billing Address: _____

State: _____ Country: _____ Zip: _____

Cancellation Fees

Cancellation requests for registration and tickets must be received by 30 July 2008; no refund requests will be accepted after this date. All registration cancellations are subject to a US \$50 service fee. Cancellations due to an unissued visa must be received by 15 July 2008. All cancellation requests must be submitted in writing to 2008 National DEC Registration Services by e-mail (registration@CIEDEC.org) or fax (909)466-4140. Phone cancellations will not be accepted. 2008 DEC Conference will refund registration and ticket fees if the conference is canceled, but takes no responsibility for travel or other related costs incurred by attendees. Registration and tickets are nontransferable.

Disclaimer

By attending the DEC Conference, registrants consent to be photographed by any means, including still photography and video recording, and grant California Inland Empire District Export Council (CIEDEC) the right to use and publish their names, voices, and likenesses forever and for any purpose worldwide without CIEDEC incurring debts or liabilities of any kind. For security purposes, all registrants must show photo identification (driver's license or passport) at the convention venue in order to obtain their registration packet. CIEDEC reserves the right to check photo identification at any time during registrants' attendance at the convention. CIEDEC reserves the right to inspect all purses and bags. Registrants may refuse inspection; CIEDEC reserves the right to prevent entry.