

2008 NATIONAL SUMMIT ON AMERICAN COMPETITIVENESS

Agenda



May 22, 2008

8:30 - 5:30 / Summit

5:30pm / Networking Reception

WELCOME

Opening Remarks

Carlos M. Gutierrez U. S. Secretary of Commerce

PANEL 1

Roadmap For The Next Decade

A big picture discussion to serve as the opening panel and set the tone for the day, addressing the steps necessary to bolster the U.S. business climate.

Moderator: Maria Bartiromo Anchor, CNBC

PANEL 2

Entrepreneurship

Panelists will discuss how we can link the business environment and the importance of entrepreneurship to America's economic prosperity and innovative spirit.

Moderator: Carl Schramm President and CEO Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation

Keynote Address

Richard M. Daley Mayor, City of Chicago

PANEL 3

Utilizing Free Trade Agreements

A discussion on what needs to be done to ensure that more businesses know how to take advantage of FTAs given the significant expansion of FTAs during the Bush Administration.

Moderator: John Engler President National Association of Manufacturers

PANEL 4

The 21st Century American Community: Successful Economic Transformations in an Era of Global Competitiveness

This panel will feature communities and regions that have developed and implemented successful strategies for addressing the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century global marketplace.

Moderator: Henry Paulson, Jr. U.S. Secretary of the Treasury

Town Hall Meeting

An opportunity for the audience to ask questions of Secretary Carlos M. Gutierrez and several program participants on topics related to American competitiveness.

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