

Join Us!

Tuesday, 26 February 2008

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

“Thought Leadership for Education and Business: Co-constructing New Organizational Models for Innovation and Global Competitiveness”

A Conference Sponsored by Temple University’s Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER) and DeSales University’s Gambet Center for Innovation and Global Competitiveness.

DeSales University/Gerald White Pavilion, Center Valley, Pennsylvania
(7 miles south of Allentown and Bethlehem)

Co-Sponsoring organizations include Arcadia University, Center for the Advancement of Partnerships in Education, Charter Partners Foundation for Entrepreneurship Education, DeSales University Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), Governor’s School for Global Entrepreneurship, Lehigh University’s Integrated Product Development Team Program, Northwest Lehigh Students Allied for Global Entrepreneurship, Pennsylvania Council for International Education (PaCIE), Pre-K-16 Council of the Lehigh Valley, Southern Lehigh School District, Wall Street West.

The conference will feature presenters in both plenary and break-out sessions who will describe programs, policies, or projects that prepare students for a world driven by globally-decentralized innovation networks, a world in which global engagement, creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship are the dominant themes for both education and business. More importantly, the conferees will be asked to support a resolution to create a coalition of organizations and individuals who will advocate for the substantial changes in K-20 education necessary to advance the innovative capacity and competitiveness of the Commonwealth and the nation.

Please see the attached invitation and come and join colleagues from education, business, government, and arts and cultural organizations in the effort to re-make ourselves for a future worth having.

Registration: \$50.00 (includes lunch, refreshments, conference materials, parking, and automatic inclusion in subsequent activity)

Questions: Contact Galen Godbey at galen.godbey@desales.edu

**Sustainable Development: A Look at Projects in Environment,
Natural Disaster Prevention, Sanitation and Agriculture and
Rural Development
Thursday, February 7, 2008
Inter-American Development Bank
Washington, D.C.**

Please find enclosed an invitation to attend the Inter-American Development Bank's upcoming Business Seminar on Sustainable Development: A Look at Projects in Environment, Natural Disaster Prevention, Sanitation and Agriculture and Rural Development to be held at the Bank's Washington, D.C., headquarters on Thursday, February 7, 2008.

This one-day event will concentrate on providing information to companies and individuals on the IDB Group's efforts to support sustainable development in the areas of environment (including natural disaster prevention), tourism, sanitation, and agriculture and rural development in its borrowing member countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. These projects in the pipeline provide contract opportunities for goods and services for firms of all types, including consulting firms.

Furthermore, the seminar will cover the IDB project cycle, which describes how projects are initiated and developed; procedures for procurement of consulting services and information regarding recent changes at the IDB.

In detail the seminar will cover the following topics:

- Discussion of the IDB's New Organizational Structure and Bank Strategy
- Presentation of Upcoming Projects and Related Business Opportunities
 - Pollution Control and Waste Management
 - Water and Sanitation Initiatives
 - Sustainable Energy and Climate Change Initiatives
- Environmental Safeguards in Projects and Country Environmental Strategies
 - Emergency Response Programs for Natural Disasters
- Agricultural Support Services, Research and Financing for Agribusiness
 - Forestry and Watershed Management
 - Sustainable Tourism
 - Procurement Policies and Procedures

The seminar offer an excellent opportunity to hear Bank specialists discuss their upcoming and current projects. In addition, it represents a plat form to network with Bank staff, firms and other institutions. The IDB is the largest multilateral provider of development financing for Latin America and the Caribbean, with cumulative lending of more than \$154 billion, offering substantial business opportunities to the private sector. The Bank has an annual lending capacity of \$8.5 billion and generates business opportunities in the form of approximately 13,000 contracts for goods and services per year. The project pipeline for the next two years includes \$1.9 billion earmarked for water and sanitation, \$1.3 billion for agriculture and rural development, and \$409 million for environment and natural disasters .

For detailed information on the Bank and its activities, please go to <http://www.iadb.org>

The registration fee of \$295 includes a continental breakfast, luncheon, seminar sessions, and publications. A discount is available for government employees. For the Agenda and Registration Form, please go to: <http://www.iadb.org/biz> or see the attachment. For a list of hotels that are close to the IDB, see: <http://www.iadb.org/biz/hotels.cfm?language=English>

CCAA is a non-governmental organization that promotes private sector-led economic development in the Caribbean Basin. More information on the organization can be found on CCAA's website at: <http://www.c-cao.org>.
Washington, D.C

**MINEXPO INTERNATIONAL ® 2008
NOW REGISTERING DELEGATIONS**

1. SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED

THIS IS AN ACTION CABLE FOR COMMERCIAL SPECIALISTS TO RECRUIT DELEGATIONS FOR MINEXPO INTERNATIONAL 2008, TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2008, AT THE LAS VEGAS CONVENTION CENTER, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, USA. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS SHOW, PLEASE VISIT WWW.MINEXPO.COM.

2. EVENT DESCRIPTION

A. MINEXPO INTERNATIONAL 2008 IS THE WORLD'S PREMIER MINING SHOW, HELD EVERY FOUR YEARS. THIS INDOOR EXPOSITION FEATURES NEARLY 1,200 COMPANIES EXHIBITING THEIR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES ON MORE THAN 555,000 SQUARE FEET (51,000 SQUARE METERS) OF EXHIBIT SPACE. MORE THAN 30,000 VISITORS ATTENDED MINEXPO INTERNATIONAL IN 2004.

B. TWENTY EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS ARE OFFERED AT MINEXPO INTERNATIONAL 2008. THEY WILL BE HELD IN THE CONVENTION CENTER FROM 8 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 23 AND 24. SESSIONS WILL COVER TOPICS SUCH AS UNDERGROUND AND SURFACE MINING, HEALTH AND SAFETY, RECLAMATION, COAL, ENVIRONMENT, AIR, INTERNATIONAL, NEW MINE DEVELOPMENT, PROCESSING AND BULK MATERIALS HANDLING. DETAILS AND UPDATES CAN BE FOUND ON THE SHOW WEBSITE AT WWW.MINEXPO.COM.

C. NEARLY 1,200 COMPANIES WILL EXHIBIT AT MINEXPO INTERNATIONAL 2008. PRODUCTS TO BE EXHIBITED INCLUDE MINING EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS TRUCKS, SHOVELS, DRILLS, DRAGLINES, PUMPS, ENGINES, LONGWALL MINING EQUIPMENT, CONTINUOUS MINING MACHINES, DRILL BITS, TIRES, CONVEYORS, CABLES, PNEUMATIC TOOLS, SEALANTS, WIRE ROPE, COAL PREPARATION EQUIPMENT, EXPLOSIVES, GPS SYSTEMS, AND MUCH MORE. COMPANIES PROVIDING ENGINEERING, RECLAMATION, FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONSULTING SERVICES ALSO WILL BE EXHIBITING. A COMPLETE

LISTING OF EXHIBITORS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE. PRODUCTS AND SERVICES TO BE EXHIBITED WILL BE LISTED ON THE WEBSITE AT A LATER TIME.

D. THE PRIMARY TARGET AUDIENCES FOR MINEXPO INTERNATIONAL 2008 ARE THE COAL, METAL, AND MINERALS PRODUCERS WORLDWIDE. A SECONDARY TARGET AUDIENCE IS COMPANIES INTERESTED IN REPRESENTING OR PARTNERING WITH U. S. EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS AND SERVICES COMPANIES. APPROXIMATELY 80 PERCENT OF ATTENDEES ARE FROM THE UNITED STATES AND 20 PERCENT ARE FROM OVERSEAS.

3. EVENT CONTACTS

A. *SHOW ORGANIZER:*

NATIONAL MINING ASSOCIATION
MOYA F. PHELLEPS
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B. INTERNATIONAL BUYER PROGRAM PROJECT OFFICER:

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4. EVENT PROMOTION

A. ALL OVERSEAS POSTS WILL RECEIVE 25 COPIES OF THE MINEXPO INTERNATIONAL 2008 BROCHURE IN A PROMOTIONAL KIT TO BE MAILED BY MID- NOVEMBER 2007. THE BROCHURE IS IN ENGLISH, FRENCH, SPANISH, GERMAN, CHINESE AND RUSSIAN. ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THESE MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. PLEASE CONTACT MOYA PHELLEPS AT NATIONAL MINING ASSOCIATION AT [MPHELLEPS\(a\)NMA.ORG](mailto:MPHELLEPS(a)NMA.ORG).

B. THE MINEXPO INTERNATIONAL 2008 WEBSITE IS THE BEST WAY TO STAY UP TO DATE ON EVENT DETAILS: WWW.MINEXPO.COM. FIND SEMINAR SCHEDULES, EXHIBITOR INFORMATION, PRESS TOUR INFORMATION, AND PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS. INTERNATIONAL VISITORS ALSO CAN PRE-REGISTER FOR MINEXPO INTERNATIONAL 2008 BY VISITING THE WEBSITE. QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MOYA PHELLEPS AT [MPHELLEPS\(a\)NMA.ORG](mailto:MPHELLEPS(a)NMA.ORG).

C. ALL MEMBERS OF AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION LED BY A U. S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WHO PRE-REGISTER FOR MINEXPO INTERNATIONAL 2008 WILL RECEIVE FREE ADMISSION TO THE SEMINARS AND EXHIBIT FLOOR.

ALL DELEGATION LEADERS SHOULD NOTIFY MOYA PHELLEPS AT NATIONAL MINING ASSOCIATION THAT YOU WILL BE LEADING A DELEGATION. AT THAT TIME, YOU WILL BE GIVEN A PASSWORD TO THE MINEXPO INTERNATIONAL 2008 WEBSITE REGISTRATION PAGE THAT IS SET UP EXCLUSIVELY TO REGISTER DELEGATIONS ON LINE. AS A DELEGATION LEADER, YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REGISTERING EACH MEMBER OF YOUR DELEGATION. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO UPDATE MEMBERS OF YOUR DELEGATION ON A REGULAR BASIS.

DELEGATION LEADERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PICKING UP AND CHECKING THE ACCURACY OF THE BADGES FOR DELEGATION MEMBERS. BADGE PICK-UP FOR DELEGATIONS WILL BE AT A DESIGNATED AREA IN THE REGISTRATION SECTION IN THE NORTH HALL OF THE LAS VEGAS CONVENTION CENTER. SHOW MANAGEMENT REQUIRES DELEGATION LEADERS TO PICK UP BADGES PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 22, 2008. A TIME WILL BE SCHEDULED WITH EACH DELEGATION LEADER TO PICK UP BADGES PRIOR TO THAT DATE. DELEGATION LEADERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING THE ACCURACY OF REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR DELEGATIONS.

EACH DELEGATION LEADER WILL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION THAT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MINEXPO INTERNATIONAL 2008 EXHIBITORS IN THE PASSWORD-PROTECTED "EXHIBITORS SERVICES" SECTION OF THE MINEXPO INTERNATIONAL 2008 WEBSITE. EXHIBITORS WILL BE ABLE TO CONTACT DELEGATION LEADERS TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT MINEXPO INTERNATIONAL 2008.

D. A COMPLIMENTARY HOTEL ROOM IS AVAILABLE FOR COMMERCIAL SPECIALISTS THAT LEAD DELEGATIONS OF 15 OR MORE QUALIFIED REGISTERED INTERNATIONAL BUYERS. PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST MAKE YOUR COMPLIMENTARY ROOM RESERVATION BY MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2008.

DELEGATION LEADERS REQUIRING HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS SHOULD CONTACT MOYA PHELLEPS AT NATIONAL MINING ASSOCIATION AT MPHELLEPS@NMA.ORG.

5. ONSITE PROGRAMS

A. INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS CENTER (IBC)

HOURS FOR THE MINEXPO INTERNATIONAL 2008 IBC (LOCATED ON THE UPPER CONCOURSE OF THE LAS VEGAS CONVENTION CENTER, ROOM N245):

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 -- NOON TO 4 P.M.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 -- 7 A.M. TO 5 P.M.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 -- 8 A.M. TO 5 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 -- 8 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR INTERNATIONAL
DELEGATIONS INCLUDE:

LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS
MATCHMAKING PROGRAM
MEETING ROOMS
MESSAGE CENTER
EXPORT COUNSELING FROM MEMBERS OF THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE
AND OTHERS

6. ACTION REQUESTED

A. PLEASE CONTACT EUGENE QUINN WITH GENERAL INFORMATION ON HOW YOU INTEND TO PROMOTE MINEXPO INTERNATIONAL 2008 AND HOW YOU WILL QUALIFY BUYERS IN YOUR DELEGATIONS. REACH EUGENE QUINN AT EUGENE.QUINN@MAIL.DOC.GOV

B. PLEASE E-MAIL YOUR DELEGATION LIST TO DOC PROJECT OFFICER EUGENE.QUINN AT EUGENE.QUINN@MAIL.DOC.GOV AS OUTLINED IN 4.C ABOVE.

Ready or not, the annual event which has become a milestone in the annals of the business world across America is upon us: The event touted as the official link between business and consumer arrives for the 17th uninterrupted year at the Trump Taj Mahal Hotel and Resort on Atlantic City's Boardwalk in its expanded version the weekend of **April 12 and 13th**. Enhanced in its scope and vision, the 17th Annual Hermes Expo and Trade Show has been expanded to include activities in several northeast corridor locations, beginning with Jersey City, NJ as a prelude to the main Atlantic City event, ending with tours by officials from around the world to Baltimore and Washington, DC., In all, Hermes Expo incorporates events of five days, beginning with Thursday April 10 2008.

One hundred and twenty representative companies from a vast sample of industries have already declared their participation in the event, not only from the United States and Canada, but from European nations in the Balkans, including heavy participation from Greece and Romania. Emerging trends in the Real Estate industry here and abroad will be visible during this year's Exhibition session that stretches from Saturday noon to Sunday evening along with its related industries of design and construction of residential and commercial space. The lending industries will be represented by financial institutions spanning two continents, while the Food industry will claim a larger slice of the action than previously.

Travel and Tourism will play a decisive role in this year's exhibit with the massive participation of tourism organizations from several European nations, claiming an ever greater share of the business pie called Hermes Expo.

In addition, as in the past, Hermes Expo will focus on accommodating its trade clientele by providing them with not one, not two, but five highly effective networking sessions, bringing its sponsors, exhibitors and consumers indirect contact with one another as a way of promoting new opportunities in every area of its influence.

Of singular significance during the 17th Annual Hermes Expo will be its Educational Symposium, featuring speakers from Greece, Romania and USA.

Other personalities associated with the educational filed participating in this all important enlightening event are Carol Brooks, Director of the International Trade Office, City of Philadelphia, the Hon. Angelos Pangratis, Minister and Deputy head of the European Union delegation to the US. An Awards Dinner during which individuals who have made significant contributions to the business and civic realm will be honored, two Fashion Shows, two Business-to-Business encounters- on for each day of the Expos duration, and a Sunday Brunch, the final opportunity for trades-people to get together for some additional networking.

It must be noted affirmed Expos founder and president Paul Kotrotsios, adding that it is anticipated this years Expo will by far surpass all expectations. It is extremely reassuring to see that many associations and enterprises have chosen to hold their own business meetings at our site. This is due to the fact that our event features all types of cultural and culinary activities geared towards a number of European ethnicities. Moreover, as in last years Exhibit, we have placed the accent on the Youth, creating networking procedures for educational and employment opportunities for the **young through our Job Fair**.

It is a fact continued Kotrotsios, that our main support comes from Hellenes and Hellene American entrepreneurs, for whom admittedly the Hermes Expo has been initially created. For that, we must thank our supporters-our exhibitors and sponsors-who persuaded us to create this liaison with the US market. Today, Hermes Expo along with its associated enterprises, is considered one of, if not the most unique forums for business and a very solid of its kind during its 17 year of existence. Cities and municipalities here, towns and prefectures in Greece and elsewhere have espoused our work, because they have tested it and found to be workable and effective.

Sponsorships for this event are still available and can be found at the following link:

<http://www.hermesexpo.com/register.html>

Business and Vendors may apply for information concerning the Hermes Expo 2008, Booth availability, the Symposium, Dinner and Brunch events, by contacting Paul@hermesexpo.com and mailto:Paul@hermesexpo.com or view our website at:

www.hermes.expo.com and view the available video,

<http://www.hermesexpo.com/othersites/voa/2005-04-21-voa6.cfm.html> or 610-446-1463, fax: 610-446-3189.

A Preliminary schedule of events for the expanded, five day Forum, included in a separate release is as follows. (Hermes Expo reserves the right to changes made necessary by circumstances beyond our control.)

17th Annual Hermes Expo Taj Mahal Hotel & Resort

Schedule of Events

Preliminary Schedule of Events, the 17th Annual Hermes Expo-New York, Philadelphia, Jersey City, NJ, Trump Taj Mahal, Atlantic City Boardwalk, Baltimore, Washington DC.

Thursday, April 10, 2007 Activities

Flight arrivals in NY or Philadelphia, PA

The 2008 program of the 17th Hermes Expo is under the auspices of SAE of America (Symvoulia Apodimou Ellinismou) and TGS Petroleum, Inc.

6-8 pm Welcome reception/ introduction of guests at (Place TBA) Serving of Greek dishes along with Wine Tasting event "taste the best wine & food of Greece" sponsored by the US -Greece Business Advisory Council, K&B Analysis. More Sponsors of US TBA

Business-oriented, one to one meetings will be held as well as networking between American and Greek importers, distributors & other specialists

Press Conference
Roun- table discussions

- A. "The traditional distribution channels of Greek products in the US."
- B. Destination: Greece "Sta vimata tou Apostolou Pavlou" (Tracing the steps of the Apostle Paul.)
- C. Investment Opportunities in Real Estate and other enterprises in Greece- Ethniko Ktimatologio.

D. Subprime Mortgage Crisis: Are we there yet?

Friday, April 11, 2008

09:00 AM- 06:00 PM Business-to-Business meetings based on request and on profile.

9:00 to 3:00 pm. First Stop: Visit to Jersey City, NJ for Meeting & Reception.

Participants:

Jersey City Chamber of Commerce welcomes the Thessaloniki Municipality Delegation,
Region of Crete representatives and Municipality of Patras
Prefectures of Trikkala and Magnesia, as well as private and businesses from Greece taking part at 17th Hermes Expo Networking events in the US under the auspices of SAE.

Scheduled meetings and networking with local businesses. One to one business meetings based on profile projections.

Sponsorship of Bill Matsikoudis, Esq.

3:00- 5:00 pm

Communications between Philadelphia Port Authority and Municipality and Thessaloniki Port Authority and Municipality Event sponsored by CVM Design & Build, Chris Christakis, Chairman, and Unifruti of America, Andy Economou, Chairman.

3:00 - 5:00 pm Conference on Tourism and Mediterranean Diet at Drexel University

5:00 - 7:00 Reception-Dinner by Hermes Expo

Experience the best from Greece at Estia Grand Ballroom, 1407 Locust St, Philadelphia, PA, sponsored by Hermes Expo, K&B Analysis, Press Club & by the City of Philadelphia.

A Diplomatic Corps/Hermes Expo sponsorship.

10.00 pm. Friday Evening: Departure for Atlantic City.

Arrival at Trump Taj Mahal, the Sheraton, or other hotel. of ones choice with select accommodations.

Reception in honor of Exhibitors by invitation only

Sponsored by Unifruti of America & Ameriprise Financial Services

Saturday, April 12, 2008

07:00 am - 11:00 pm The 17th Hermes Expo taking place at the Trump Taj Mahal Grand Ballroom

First day of Exhibition

7 - 10:00 AM

Setting up of Booths and coordination by Sponsors/ Exhibitors
(Exhibitors are asked to proceed to Registration Booth to pick up their booth number, schedule, badges and complimentary breakfast.

9:30 am - 12:45 pm.

All gather in the Diamond Ballroom, 2nd Floor, Trump Taj Mahal Hotel & Resort Dimamond Ballroom on the Boardwalk for the 2008 Hermes Expo Educational & Networking SYMPOSIUM Seminars.

Event Moderator: Aris Christakis, Esq.

Theme 1: Globalization of the Financial Markets.

Main event speaker: Aris Melissaratos, Special Adviser to the president for enterprise development, John Hopkins University

Theme 2: The Need to Internationalize Education.

Speaker: Dr. George Tsetsekos, Dean, LeBow Business School, Drexel University, Philadelphia.

Theme 3: Prospects and Developments in the Real Estate Industry-Greece, SE Europe and the US. Subprime Mortgage Crisis . Are we there yet?
Speakers: Anthony Beldecos, Esq, Philadelphia, PA & John Chrissomalis, Remax Realty
George Kotsopoulos, Esq Sponsored by Home owners Association

Theme 4: Cultural interchange
Speakers: Gerassimos Arsenis,
Honorable Curt Weldon, US/Greece Defense Cooperation.

Theme 5: "Breaking the Boundaries of Technology"
Speakers: Vasileios T. Nasis, CEO & Co-Founder, Netronix O.E. (PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering at Drexel University)
Dr. Nicholas Mezitis, Hellenic Medical Association , NY special introduction and presentation

Theme 6: The Mediterranean Diet and the Quality of Life.
Credited Region: Island of Crete
Credited Prefectures: Trikkala & Magnesia
Credited Municipality: Thessaloniki*

Greetings by Hon. Howard Kyle, Host-Atlantic County, Executive Office/ Trade (Hosting the Prefecture in South Jersey)

Hon. Mayor of Thessaloniki Vasilis Papageorgopoulos. International Trade Office, City of Philadelphia Carol Brooks.
SAE of America, Regional Coordinator, Ted Spyropoulos. Secretary General, Region of Crete, the Hon. Serafim Tsokas,
World Trade Center Greater Philadelphia, Joanna Savvides, President HANC
President, Manolis Velivasakis, HANC president
US-GBAC Chairman, Chris Christakis
US Congressman, (R-NJ) The Hon. Frank LoBiondo,
Hellenic American University in Athens, Greece, Hon. Chris Spirou, .

The Hon. Mayor of Atlantic City, NJ
The President of the US Chamber of Commerce of South NJ
City of Jersey City, Bill Matsikoudis, *

*List of attending dignitaries still growing

Registration for Sponsors, Exhibitors, Dignitaries, Speakers, Special Guests and all participants to the 2008 Symposium. *

Business to Business meetings. GOLD Ballrooms I, II & III

1:00 pm.

Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting ceremony at Grand Ballroom on the 2nd Floor of the Taj Mahal
with Moderator / MC Steve Poulathas, Esq

Grand Opening ceremony sponsored by:
CVM Design & Build, TGS Petroleum, Municipality of Thessaloniki, HELEXPO,
Unifruti of

America, Hellenic Cultural Organization OPEP, Prefectures of Trikkala, Magnesia, Municipality of Patras.

Dignitaries, exhibitors and invited guests gather at the Entrance of the Expo site, 2nd floor, Grand Cayman Ballroom. Photo opportunity for special guests from US and Greece. Greetings and Responses..

12 - 6:00 pm.

Exhibition Booths open to the public at the Grand Ballroom.

Day One of Exhibit

2nd floor, 45,000 sq.ft. Trade show and exhibition open for business to all visitors, buyers, dignitaries and guests. You may sample and taste products, get informed and educated on services and establish a network of contacts. Meet exhibitors and their booth or arrange for private meetings at one of the four available suites.

2:00-3:30 pm. B to B meetings Private and at the Ballroom (Please check with the registration Desk to block your time slot)

New this year: *YOUTH JOB FAIR*. Please Inquire at any booth for Job Opportunities

3:30-4:30 pm.

Reception. Meet and Greet our Reps in US Congress and our Youth Sponsored by HANC & SAE Presidents

4:30 - 5:30 pm.

Hermes Executive Board Meeting:

Ted Spyropoulos, Chris Christakis, Aris Melissaratos, Alex Hionis, Andy Economou and Andy Kamaratos,

3:30-4:30 pm.

Regional Meeting, Pan Gregorian Enterprises NJ, CT, Metro NY, Upper NY, Balto, FL, GOLDBallroom

4:30pm- 5:30 pm. Regional Meetings of the Associations

Hellenic Medical Associations Spiro Meztis, MD

Hellenic American Lawyers Associations * Frank Araps, Esq.

Hellenic Contractors Association (Building & Materials

Chris Christakis, Taki Economou, Plato Marinakos, Andy Kamaratos, Danny Vogia, Andrew Stephanou

6:00 pm -12:00 am.

The 17th Annual Hermes Expo Award Dinner and Award Presentation with live Entertainment.

Delivering the Key Note Address:

Honorable Angelos Pangratis, Minister Head of the European Delegation

Entertainment by Stavros Theodorou and Orchestra

Sunday, April 13, 2008

Day 2 of the 17th Hermes Expo at the Trump Taj Mahal on the Boardwalk

10:00 am. -11:45 am.

The Hermes Expo Networking Brunch and Company Presentations at Dimamond BALLROOM

Master of Ceremonies: Steve Poulathas, Esq.

Sponsored by the EUGRO Group of Companies
Panel discussion & Presentation with additional Sponsors

12:00 pm. - 6:00 pm.

Day 2 of the Hermes Expo Grand Ballroom Exhibition, 3rd floor. Exhibit open to the public. Trade show and exhibits of 120 Booth Exhibits open for business to all visitors, buyers, dignitaries and guests.

2:00 pm.- 4:00 pm.

Cultural presentation & meeting at the Gold Ballroom.

3:00 pm.-5:00 pm.

Scheduled meetings Business to Business
Individually scheduled meetings between exhibitors and visitors, buyers and guests.

Pan Gregorian Enterprises, INC. (NJ, NY, Upper NY, Metro NY, FL, MD)

Hellenic Medical Associations Dr. Spiro Mezitis

Hellenic American Lawyers Associations, Frank Araps, Esq., Jordan Yuelys, Esq.,

Monday, April 14, 2008

12:00 pm- 4:00 pm

Hermes Expo Sponsors, Exhibitors and Guests on the road, visiting Baltimore and Washington.

Scheduled business meetings. Presentation by the Achela Group to all interested guests from Greece and Romania : "How to do business in USA" by Andrew Kaffess*

Special program with Government Officials of MD

Host: Aris Melissaratos, JHU*

The weekend of April 12-13, 2008 at the Trump Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, NJ.

For more information please visit www.hermesexpo.com/
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The growth of international trade is challenging the capacity of America's transportation system. While highways and railroads are jammed with cargo, our coastal trade lanes and inland waterways are transportation assets that have been largely overlooked. North America's Marine Highways—Short Sea Shipping's Next Steps, the conference sponsored by the Journal of Commerce and hosted by the U.S. Maritime Administration, will consider the opportunities and obstacles to building short sea shipping network as a viable and environmentally-friendly commercial freight alternative for the United States, Canada and Mexico. Now in its fifth year, this JoC conference has earned a reputation as the leading forum to discuss issues ranging from vessel finance to government policy affecting waterborne commerce in North America.

Confirmed topics include:

The Great Debate
Short Sea Shipping in North America - New Partners and New Information
Inland and Coastal Carriers: Progress
Congressional Developments
Ship and Port Infrastructure Financing
River Talk, Short Sea Feeders
Environmental, Economic, Security Issues and New Technology in Shipbuilding

Confirmed speakers include:

Theodore Prince, Chairman, Intermodal Association of North America; President, Consolidated Chassis Management
Francis X. McArdle, Commissioner, National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission; Former Managing Director, General Contractors Association of New York
Martin Moynihan, Executive Director, Richmond Metropolitan Planning Organization
Adam Anderson, Vice President, Business Development, T. Parker Host Inc.
Christian G. O'Neil, President, Osprey Line
Deborah L. Willits, President, EcoTransport
John MacGregor, President, TransDevelopment Group
Jack Schenendorf, Vice Chair, National Surface Transportation & Revenue Commission

Craig Fuller, CEO, TransMarkets

**FOR THE LATEST AGENDA AND ADDITIONAL SHOW
INFORMATION VISIT WWW.JOC.COM/CONFERENCES/NAMH**

WHEN

Tuesday, April 15, 2008 7:45 AM -
Wednesday, April 16, 2008 3:30 PM
Eastern Time Zone

WHERE

Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront
3001 Atlantic Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA 23451
USA

----- Original Message -----

From: janice.auerbach@mail.doc.gov
To: myles@phti.com
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2008 6:31 PM
Subject: Women in Business Trade Mission to UK and Italy

Dear Myles M.:

The US Commercial Service in the United Kingdom and Italy, in association the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) will be hosting a Trade Mission to London and Milan.

This mission will offer market exposure and business opportunities for women-owned U.S. companies to meet prospective representatives, distributors and partners. Companies from all sectors are encouraged to apply.

Details:

Dates: April 12-18, 2008

Locations: London and Milan

Cost: \$3500

One on one pre-screened business appointments

In depth market briefings

Opportunities to meet with local business leaders and executives

Networking receptions

First hand opportunity to access market potential in the UK and Italy
and to meet key decision makers

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