

"Top Ten Customs Districts in the U.S." Symposium
"Plotting the Course: U.S. Ports-Gateways to World Markets"

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The Laredo Development Foundation in coordination with the Logistics and Manufacturing Association, Port Laredo and Texas A&M International University will host the 17th Annual Logistics and Manufacturing Symposium on September 15-17, 2010 at Texas A&M International University's Student Center.

This year's Symposium theme is entitled "Plotting the Course: U.S. Ports – Gateways to the World Markets." Conference will focus on certain fundamental attributes that govern a port's ability to become a leader in facilitating global supply chains and remain attractive to shipping lines and their customers. These attributes are market access, port and border administration, transportation and communications infrastructure and the overall business environment. In addition, the Conference will focus on the right balance for future port capacity and infrastructure. The balance sought is the right balance between service and cost, and the right infrastructure. Port capacity and infrastructure will be determined by the trade, by the customer and the size of the ports and their proximity to the customer's distribution centers and distribution network. With this, the Top Ten Customs Districts in the United States have been invited to participate which includes in order of ranking the Ports of Los Angeles, New York, Houston, Detroit, New Orleans, Laredo, Chicago, Seattle, San Francisco, and Savannah.

The symposium is expected to attract professionals from the following areas: Suppliers, Site selection managers, Manufacturers, Transportation and logistics companies, Strategic planners, Operations managers, Business development specialists, Chief Executives and management, and Economic development professionals.

SPEAKERS



**Honorable Gerardo Ruiz Mateos,
Mexico Secretary of Economy
(invited)**



**Honorable Ron Kirk,
United States Trade
Representative
(invited)**



**Maria L. O'Connell,
Assistant Commissioner,
Office of Public Affairs,
U.S. Custom and Border
Protection (invited)**



**The Honorable Henry Cuellar,
U.S. Congressman (confirmed)**



**The Honorable Peter Van Loan,
Canadian Trade Representative
(invited)**