



15th Annual International Networking Evening & Business Forum

**Global Trade & Economic Outlook:
Implications for International Business in the Year Ahead**

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

Offices of K&L Gates, State Street Financial Center, One Lincoln Street, Boston
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Registration 4:00 pm • Global Trade & Economic Outlook 4:30 pm • Networking Reception to Follow

Join us for the premier international event of the year — the 15th Annual International Networking Evening and Business Forum! This event regularly attracts companies involved in international business. The evening will feature a global trade & economic outlook and an international resource center with more than 15 international trade associations and organizations representing over 3,000 New England companies. Come meet people and businesses interested in world trade while learning about the resources available to help your company's international business!

Registration
(4:00 p.m.)

**The Global Trade & Economic Outlook:
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(4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

In the current economic crisis, businesses are concerned more than ever about the outlook for the economy, both at home and abroad. What are global economic indicators predicting? Which markets have been hit by recession and which offer a bright spot on the horizon? Where should businesses retreat and where should they explore opportunity? Get answers to these questions and more from Christopher Probyn, one of the area's leading economists.

Despite the country's economic woes, now is an unprecedented time for the opening of free trade for U.S. firms. These free trade expansion trends, combined with a new presidential administration, could translate into opportunity for U.S. firms seeking access to overseas markets. Which markets are opening for U.S. firms and what is the outlook for global trade policy under an Obama Administration? Get answers to these questions and more from Leslie Schweitzer, one of the country's leading authorities on global trade policy.

Christopher Probyn, Chief International Economist – State Street Corporation

~ With Special Guest ~

Leslie Schweitzer, Senior Trade Advisor – U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Networking Reception with Sponsor, Association & Government Exhibits
(7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)

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