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U.S. TRADE POLICY UPDATE

with

Ambassador John K. Veroneau

Deputy U.S. Trade Representative

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8:00 a.m. - Registration

8:30 a.m. - Breakfast & Program

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The vast Asia-Pacific region accounts for almost half of all global trade and includes growing markets totaling 41 percent of the world's population. The region also accounts for nearly 60 percent of the world GDP. With these facts setting the stage, Ambassador Veroneau will provide an update on overall U.S. trade policy as well as recent developments with pending negotiations to join the Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership (TPP). The TPP is a comprehensive Free Trade Agreement concluded by Brunei Darussalam, Chile, New Zealand and Singapore, as a vehicle for advancing Trans-Pacific wide economic integration.

Ambassador Veroneau has served as Deputy USTR since September 2006 and has a broad portfolio including: trade relations with Europe and Eurasia, the Middle East, and the Americas as well as matters involving the World Trade Organization. He also oversees USTR's functional offices handling intellectual property, telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, and market access.

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