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Next MITC Event

Hydro-Quebec and the Eastern Canadian Energy Dynamic

Thursday, February 25th, 2010 | [Info and Registration](#)

Husson University, Bangor

Featuring executives from Hydro-Quebec Energy Services U.S. and John Kerry, Director of the Office of Energy Independence and Security for the State of Maine.

This program will cover the increased transmission strategies of Hydro-Quebec and an overview of the Maine comprehensive energy plan, transmission, and renewable energy in Maine.

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NATIONAL EXPORT INITIATIVE UNVEILED | [Read More](#)

Commerce Secretary Locke recently detailed President Obama's ambitious plan to double U.S. exports within five years, focusing on small- and medium-sized business.

EURO FLUCTUATES AGAINST DOLLAR | [Read More](#)

Uncertainty in the Eurozone has led the euro to trade as low as \$1.3532 against the U.S. dollar in recent weeks.

BANNED PESTICIDE MAY BE KILLING LOBSTERS IN NEW BRUNSWICK | [Read More](#)

Environment Canada is currently investigating how dead and weakened lobster in New Brunswick is showing contamination by the banned pesticide Cypermethrin.

MAINE PORTS RECEIVE STIMULUS FUNDING | [Read More](#)

The ports of Eastport, Searsport, and Portland will receive a total of \$14 million dollars from the federal stimulus package to support diversification and upgrades.

U.S. MULLS EXPORT CONTROL REFORMS | [Read More](#)

An interagency working group presented its recommendations for export control reform to the Obama Cabinet on Jan. 29.

Trade News

BRAZIL TO GROW 5-6% IN 2010 | [Read More](#)

The Brazil economy is forecast to grow 5-6% in 2010, sharply contrasting with many of the largest

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MITC Trade Education Events

Hydro Quebec and the Eastern Canadian Energy Dynamic

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Food Export: France

March 17th, 2010 | [Registration](#)

With a GDP of approximately \$2.5 trillion, France is the world's sixth-largest economy and the sixth-largest customer to the U.S. with over 1 billion dollars in commercial transactions taking place between France and the U.S. every day.

Food Export USA will deliver best practices for developing business in France. An overview of marketing programs to assist U.S. food producers will also be provided.

Other Events &

trading partners of the United States

EU OPENS ANTI-DUMPING PROBE ON CHINESE SPECIALITY PAPER | [Read More](#)

The EU Commission opens an investigation of possible dumping of fine arts papers by Chinese companies, harming EU industry.

GERMANY CAUTIONS AGAINST GREEK BAILOUT WITHOUT SLASHING OF DEFICIT | [Read More](#)

German Chancellor Merkel offers support for Greece in light of a serious budget deficit that threaten euro; however, Greek plans for deficit reduction are being sought

INDIAN FOOD PRICES SPIKE | [Read More](#)

The Indian weekly food price index has spiked 17% in January and February compared to 2009, while inflation stood at 8.56% in January.

MEXICAN PRESIDENT URGES TRADE WITH EU | [Read More](#)

With more than 80% of its trade with the U.S., Mexican President Felipe Calderon urges the country to look toward trade with the EU to reduce dependency on the U.S.

Trade Missions

GULFOOD 2010 - Dubai, UAE | [More Info](#) 21-24 February 2010

MITC is attending the largest food show in the Middle East, helping Maine companies access a robust network of distributors, buyers, and suppliers from around the world.

Over 70% of imports in Dubai are re-exported, making Gulfood a prime spot to connect for the food and hospitality industries.

Contact Jeff Bennett at jbennett@mitc.com or 207-

Opportunities

BIS and DDTC EXPORT CONTROL SEMINAR

April 20-22, 2010 | [More Info](#)

The New Hampshire International Trade Resource Center (NHITRC) and the U.S. Commercial Service will host an in-depth seminar featuring speakers from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) and the U.S. Department of State's Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC).

BIS will present its two-day U.S. Export Controls Overview, primarily focusing on Export Control Classification Numbers (ECCN) and the Export Administration Regulations (EAR), which apply to ALL U.S. exporters.

The third day will focus on the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) and its implications for companies providing products, components, services or technical data for military end-use.

Participants are invited to attend just the two-day BIS seminar, the one-day DDTC seminar, or the full three-day event.

Partnership Mission to

990-3161 for more information.

ETC MISSION TO TURKEY - Istanbul and Ankara | [More Info](#)
15-19 March 2010

Eastern Trade Council, together with MITC and other ETC member states, are organizing a joint trade mission to Turkey.

Delegates have the opportunity to meet with key Turkish business contacts, U.S. executives, government officials, trade specialists, and most importantly pre-arranged matchmaking meetings.

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Trade Shows

ASIAN SEAFOOD EXPOSITION - Hong Kong
| [More Info](#)
7-9 September 2010

The Asian Seafood Exposition is Asia-Pacific's and Hong Kong's premier seafood trade event. The 2010 event launches alongside the established Restaurant & Bar Hong Kong 2010 show for enhanced access to the HRI sector as well.

This event will bring together retail, food service, and distribution buyers with suppliers of live, fresh, frozen, and packaged products from around the world.

INTERNATIONAL BOSTON SEAFOOD SHOW | [More Info](#)

14-16 March 2010

The Boston Seafood Show and Seafood Processing North America is North America's largest seafood trade event.

Each year, 16,000 buyers and sellers from more than 90 countries are put in front over more than 800 exhibitors to do business in Boston and around the world.

Thailand

May 19-27, 2010 | [More Info](#)

With assistance from the Thailand Department of Export Promotion, the Greater KC Chamber is organizing a trip to investigate the opportunities with Thailand while experiencing Thai culture, glittering golden temples, and centuries of history and traditions. A trip to Bangkok and Thailand's second largest city, Chiang Mai, offers the opportunity to engage with business development and traditional Thai hospitality.

For more information please contact Mary K. Pyle, Managing Director, World Trade Center, Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce at 816-374-5483 or pyle@kcchamber.com

Useful Website

Getting ready to travel abroad and need some quick info?

Help is available for every country of the world from the U.S. Department of State.

These pages include such information as location of the U.S. embassy or consulate in the subject country, unusual immigration practices, health conditions, minor political disturbances, unusual

JEC COMPOSITES SHOW PARIS 2010 |
[More Info](#)
13-15 April 2010

JEC Paris is the largest composites exhibition in the world with over 1,000 exhibiting companies and 27,000 visitors and delegates.

currency and entry regulations, crime and security information, and drug penalties.

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MITC Trade Assistance

[Full-Year 2009 Trade Data is Now Available](#)

Trade data and analysis can be an effective tool in developing your company export plans. Discover where the largest market growth was in your industry in 2009 or see where your competitors have been having success.

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