

2009 NAFTA Institute/Supplier Meet the Buyer Conference

Thursday, June 11, 2009

8:30 - 4:30 pm **B2B Sessions (large and small)**

6:00-7:30 pm **Welcoming Remarks and Dinner:
Keynote Address: “NAFTA – 15 Years Later”**

Dr. Stephen Clarkson, Professor of Political Science, U. of Toronto,
author of Does North America Exist (invited)

7:30 –9:30 pm **Cocktail Party**

Evening Entertainment: Academia Internacional de Mariachi: “Los
Toritos”

Friday, June 12, 2009

8:00 – 9:00 am **Financing in Difficult Times**

Phil Silva (Director -SBA El Paso), John Woosley (Director – SBA New
Mexico)

Luis Fausto Ornelas, Director, Pymexporta

Joe Ringer, Senior Business Development Officer, Export-Import Bank of
the U.S.

9:05 - 10:00 am **Access to Angel Investment and Venture Capital**

John J. Chavez, President New Mexico Angels

Eli Velasquez, Executive Director - TransPecos/El Paso Regional Center
of Innovation and Commercialization (TPEP RCIC)

10:05 – 11:30 pm **Transportation in North America**

Trends in North American Logistics: Curtis Spencer, President - IMS
Worldwide, Inc.

The Lazaro Cardenas Project: VP of Operations – Kansas City Southern
Railroad

Punta Colonet Port Project: IMS Worldwide, Inc.

11:30 – 12:00 pm **Update on Union Pacific’s Santa Teresa Rail Project**

Luis Heredia, Director Public Affairs Corporate Relations, Union Pacific

12:00 –1:00 pm

Lunch and Keynote Address: High-Level Department of Commerce Official:

Inauguration of the U.S. Department of Commerce El Paso Export Assistance Center

Recognition of the new U.S.-Mexico Border District Export Council

1:00 –1:30 pm

Foxconn’s San Jeronimo Project: A New Border Model in the Maquiladora Industry

Francisco Uranga, Vice President for Latin American Operations

1:30 –3:00 pm

Border District Export Council:

A review of trade, security and local issues in the following corridors:

- The Californias (Kenn Morris, President of Crossborder Group Inc. and Tom Topuzes, President and Chief Executive Officer of Thomas Topuzes & Associates, LLC (TT&A))
- Arizona/Sonora: Steve Colantuoni, Market Research and Communications, The Offshore Group
- Paso del Norte: Ricardo Blazquez, Executive Director of the Center for Inter-American and Border Studies of the University of Texas at El Paso
- The Valley (Texas): Daniel B. Hastings Jr., Daniel B. Hastings, Inc.

3:05 –4:00 pm

Security and Trade

Carlos Castañeda, Border Security Liaison, State of New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

4:05 – 5:00 pm

Alternative Energy