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Chester County Economic Development Council and World Trade Center of Greater Philadelphia hosts authorized international trade representatives

Event takes place March 27 at Economic Development Council

EXTON _ The Chester County Economic Development Council and the World Trade Center of Greater Philadelphia are hosting the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's authorized trade representatives from a number of countries at an event on March 27.

Trade representatives from **Australia/New Zealand, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China - Shanghai, Eastern Mediterranean, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, and the United Kingdom** will provide briefings on the following sectors in their respective countries: Mining, Rail, Oil & Gas, Renewable Energy, Life Sciences & Medical, and Environmental Technologies.

Following the briefings, the trade representatives will be available for one-on-one meetings with qualified export ready companies. The one-on-one meetings are by appointment only and are limited to three appointments per company. **The briefings and appointments are free, but registration is required.**

The event will take place on Friday, March 27, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Economic Development Council, 737 Constitution Drive, Exton. To register for the briefings, please contact Emily Olson at ecolson@wtcphila.org.

To register for one-on-one meetings, contact international trade specialists. For Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties: Ron Drozd at rdrozd@wtcphila.org or 215-586-4240 ext. 122. For Bucks and Philadelphia counties, Dale Foote at dfoote@wtcphila.org or 215-586-4240 ext. 117.

The Chester County Economic Development Council is a private, non-profit economic development organization that has been nurturing economic growth in Chester County and the surrounding region for more than 45 years. The Council's portfolio of business growth services includes: low-interest financing, small business lending, workforce training, retention and expansion, customized international business assistance, land and building site selection, brownfields consultation and remediation, urban redevelopment, and agricultural economic development. The Council also offers state-of-the art conference and training facilities at its facility in Eagleview. For more information, see www.cceconomicdevelopment.com

