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WORLD TRADE CENTER OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA PRESENTS EIGHTH ANNUAL STATE OF THE PORT ADDRESS AND LUNCHEON

For the eighth consecutive year, the World Trade Center of Greater Philadelphia is pleased to organize the annual **State of the Port Address and Luncheon**. This event brings together the leaders of Philadelphia's port infrastructure :

- **John J. Matheussen, CEO, Delaware River Port Authority**
- **John Estey, Chairman, Philadelphia Regional Port Authority**
- **Kevin Castagnola, Assistant Executive Director, South Jersey Port Corporation**
- **Mark Gale, Acting Director of Aviation, Philadelphia International Airport**

Each of these Directors will give a short presentation on the state of their business and, from their perspective, the outlook for the regional economy. This year the focus is on the future, and how our ports continue to foster international trade during these challenging economic times. The event is attended by nearly 150 people and draws attendees from international and local businesses, city and state political figures, service providers, business development groups and individuals and organizations that support international trade and commerce.

The State of the Port will take place on **Friday, November 6, 2009** at the Hyatt Regency Philadelphia at Penn's Landing. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. Individual ticket prices are \$75, or \$65 for members of the World Trade Center of Greater Philadelphia.

The World Trade Center of Greater Philadelphia (WTCGP) is the leading international trade service organization helping area companies succeed in global markets. In 2008, the WTCGP helped generate \$73M in incremental sales of goods and services for over 400 Pennsylvania and New Jersey companies. The organization provides one-on-one trade counseling, market research, global trade missions, educational programs, and peer group networking. Its professional staff has experience in over 75 international markets and speaks nine languages. WTCGP membership provides you with access to over 750,000 World Trade Center members in 92 countries.

For more information on either the State of the Port Address and Luncheon or the World Trade Center of Greater Philadelphia, please contact Emily Olson at eolson@wtcphila.org or visit our website at www.wtcphila.org.

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