

Wednesday, February 20, 2008

U.S.-India SME Summit:
Leveraging Global Supply Chains and Integrating the SME Community

featuring



Ambassador Susan C. Schwab
U.S. Trade Representative



His Excellency Kamal Nath
Minister of Commerce and Industry,
Government of India

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The *U.S.-India SME Summit* will connect major corporate leaders in the United States and India with U.S. and Indian small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Particularly, the event will speak to the process by which SMEs can amplify the global competitiveness of firms of all sizes. Large multinational corporations will offer case studies on the SME role in maximizing the global supply chain. In addition, U.S. and Indian government leaders will offer a vision for enhancing the U.S.-India trade and investment relationship and describe synergies in the manufacturing sector.

Speakers and delegates will represent a variety of sectors, including general engineering, machine tools, aviation, auto components, food and agricultural processing. In addition to Ambassador Schwab and Minister Nath, the summit will feature Richard Stephens, Senior Vice-President of The Boeing Company, and senior representatives from the National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council, the National Association of Manufacturers, the Export-Import Bank in Washington D.C., and the State Bank of India.

Conference attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in matchmaking meetings* on the following day, **February 21, 2008**, connecting Indian and U.S. SMEs and major multinationals to each other for new business opportunities.

Schedule:

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome Remarks** by The Honorable Michael Moskow, Senior Fellow for the Global Economy and former President and CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and His Excellency Ronen Sen, Ambassador of India to the U.S.
- 9:15 a.m. **Opening Keynote:** "Enhancing U.S.-India Bilateral Trade and Investment" with **Ambassador Susan C. Schwab**, U.S. Trade Representative and **His Excellency Kamal Nath**, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Government of India
- 10:45 a.m. Case Study Presentations: "SMEs and Maximizing the Global Supply Chain"
- 12:15 p.m. **Luncheon Address:** "Strengthening U.S.-India Market Access" with **Mr. Richard Stephens**, Senior Vice-President, The Boeing Company
- 1:30 p.m. "Enhanced SME Partnerships: Engineering and Manufacturing"
- 3:30 p.m. "Financing SME Competitiveness in a Global Economy"
- 4:00 p.m. Panel Discussion: "A Vision for Future Opportunities"

Location: InterContinental Hotel, 505 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611

Conference Price: \$50

Register: <http://www.thechicagocouncil.org/usindiassmesummit>

*To request an SME Matchmaking Meeting on February 21, 2008, please indicate so in the comments field located in the payment section of your online registration.