



Invitation – Doing Business in Illinois, USA

The State of Illinois, USA and the Victorian Employers' Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VECCI) would like you to join them at a briefing on 17th April 2009 followed by a working lunch.

Background

In 2007, Illinois' GDP was US\$609 billion. If Illinois were a country, its economy output would rank it 18th in the world, bigger than countries/areas like Taiwan, South Africa, Thailand, Argentina, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines. Illinois is also the largest U.S. industrial market and the biggest consumer market. Half of all the goods and services created in the U.S. are produced within 500 miles of the state line. In Chicago, Illinois manufacturing leads the top position and major products include electronic equipment, food processing, electronic instruments, metal working, automotive and parts, medical and bio- instruments, agriculture, construction and telecommunication equipment.

In 2008, Illinois exported more than US\$ 53 billion. Illinois is the "transportation and distribution" hub of the U.S and Chicago's O'Hare is one of the world's busiest airports. Chicago is also the nation's primary rail gateway, followed by the East St. Louis rail gateway. About 75% of the Fortune 500 companies have opened regional distribution centres in Illinois and there are more than 5,400 foreign-owned firms including Chinese firms that have established their branch offices in Illinois.

The Illinois Office of Trade & Investment will present on the recent developments in the US economy and discuss opportunities for manufacturers from the following sectors who might be interested in expanding, particularly in setting up industrial facility (manufacturing or warehousing or packaging facility in the U.S.): Machine tool and metal works, Electronics, Auto parts, Food processing and packaging, Construction equipment and building materials, Telecommunication equipment, Medical equipment and hospital supplies, Biotechnology, Environmental Protection, Energy, Logistics, Finance.

Who should attend?

Companies who are already exporting to the US and are keen to grow their markets further by partnering with Illinois based companies or those wishing to set up warehousing and distribution in the US in the various industry sectors.

Details of the Event

Venue: Room 1.6, 1st floor, 486 Albert Street, East Melbourne 3002

Time: 10-15am for 10-30am start followed by a working lunch at 12-30pm

Date: 17th April 2009

Please note, this is a free event, but you need to register your interest. Please complete your details on the registration form and fax back to Zea Colgan at VECCI on 03 86625201.



Registration Form

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Fax back to Zea Colgan on 03 86625201

Name/s: _____

Title/s: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Industry Sector: _____ Email: _____