

TRADE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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- Welcome. Thank you for coming today.
- Hope this meeting is the first of many.
- It's important to have ongoing dialogue with each other.
- Global economy and international trade very important to Midwest economy.
- Bill Testa, from our Research Department, will discuss little later.
- After lunch, Jack Hervey also from our Research Department, will give an overview of the U.S. and international economies.
- I know from my own experience as trade representative – economies cannot operate in isolation – trade helps bind us together – decisions of your policymakers affect Midwest and U.S. economies.
- We need to understand each other.
- Hope these kinds of meetings will help promote dialogue.
- We're very interested in hearing your ideas about international trade and investment.
- Hope you find program interesting.
- Like to introduce Marlene Murray and James Pieper [say "piper"] from our Corporate Communications department, who will present an overview of the Fed and give you a tour of Bank.