

Registration Opens October 1st for CBP Trade Symposium

Sessions to Explore 'Partnerships—Meeting the Challenges of Securing and Facilitating Trade'

WASHINGTON—U.S. Customs and Border Protection will open registration for its annual trade symposium on Monday, October 1, 2007. Registration must be completed on-line at www.cbp.gov and must be confirmed with payment by credit card only. Registration fee is \$250.

CBP's eighth annual trade symposium will be held on November 14 and 15 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington D.C. A detailed agenda will be available shortly on CBP's web site, at www.cbp.gov.

This year's theme is *Partnerships—Meeting the Challenges of Securing and Facilitating Trade*.

Symposium events include panel discussions on CBP's international trade security and facilitation initiatives, and presentations by senior government leaders. Panel participants are scheduled to include CBP managers, members of the trade community and other government agencies.

"CBP's symposium has been our venue to announce future initiatives, share accomplishments and tackle challenging international trade issues," said Michael Mullen, CBP Assistant Commissioner for International Affairs and Trade Relations. "I look forward to hearing the views of the international trade and transportation community on our common goals of trade security and facilitation at the Symposium."

Members of the press interested in covering the symposium must register with the Office of Public Affairs at erlinda.byrd@dhs.gov.