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Local Business Leaders Honored for Helping Maryland Companies Export
Maryland-Washington District Export Council Promoting Exports for 30 Years

Washington, DC—Exports are big business for local companies. That was the message from Bruce Blakeman, Deputy Assistant Secretary, U.S. Commercial Service of the U.S. Department of Commerce, who today inducted new members of the Maryland-Washington District Export Council (DEC) and recognized the organization for supporting local jobs and exports.

“For 30 years, DEC’s have served the U.S. by helping local companies export, promoting our country’s economic growth and creating new and higher-paying jobs for their own communities,” said Blakeman.

District Export Councils (DECs) are organizations of leaders from the local business community who are appointed by the Secretary of Commerce to support other local exporters and advise the government on its export promotion activities.

The new members of the Maryland-Washington District Export Council are as follows:

- Robert H. Roche, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, CTRL Systems
- Samuel Bailey, Jr., Esq., Chairman, Global Wireless Network
- W. Fontaine Bell, Director of the Maryland-China Business Council
- Judd Kessler, Partner, Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur
- Lindsay Meyer, Esq., Partner, Venable, Baetjer, Howard & Civiletti

Closely affiliated with the Commerce Department’s U.S. Export Assistance Center in Baltimore, the Maryland-Washington DEC members volunteer their time to sponsor and participate in numerous export promotion events. They also provide their specialized expertise to small and medium-sized businesses that are interested in exporting.

The U.S. Commercial Service is a Commerce Department agency that helps U.S. business sell their products and services globally. The Baltimore U.S. Export Assistance Center is part of the Agency’s worldwide network, which includes 105 Centers throughout the United States and more than 150 international offices.

For more information, please contact the Baltimore Export Assistance Center, (410-962-4539) or visit www.export.gov/commercialservice.

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