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Talk Trade, Take Action:
New Hampshire - Canada Trade Council’s Economic Development Forum

August 13, 2012
Grappone Conference Center, Concord, NH
Conference & Reception: 8:45 AM – 6:30 PM
Forum Agenda - AM

Forum Greetings 8:45-9:00
Open: Rep. Edmond Gionet, NHCTC Chair
Welcome: Gov. John Lynch
Hon. Wnn. O’Brien, Speaker of the House
Hon. Louis D’Allesandro, NH Senate

Forum Moderator
Mike Nikitas, Anchor & Host of “This Week In Business,” NECN

Keynote with Senator Shaheen & Consul General Binns 9:00-9:25
Trade Relations, Beyond the Border and the long-standing friendship between NH and Canada
Introductions: Senator Louis D’Allesandro
Hon. Jeanne Shaheen, U.S. Senator - NH
Hon. Patrick Binns, Consul General of Canada

Session 1 9:30-10:15 Public & Private Partnerships: Reigniting the QC Chamber of Commerce MOU with NH Business & Industry Association
Introductions: Benoit Lamontagne, NH Dept of Resources & Economic Dev
James Roche, President - NH Business & Industry Association
Michel Lefebvre, Director - Quebec Federation of Chambers of Commerce
Marie-Claude Francoeur, Quebec Delegate
George Bald, Commissioner - NH Dept of Resources & Economic Dev

Break

Session 2 10:30–11:15 Industrial Collaborative Opportunities: US & CA industrial-oriented companies operating and manufacturing in NH
Introductions: Rep. David Knox
Robert Bouchard, President - Rotobec
Peter W. Brown, Of Counsel - PretiFlaherty
Stuart Arnett, Better Future Alliance

Session 3 11:30 -12:15 Small Businesses & Women Owned Business: How entrepreneurship opportunities serve northern NH and Lower Canada
Introductions: Hon. Ricia McMahon
Marie Josée Vailliant, CEO - Kheops International
Marilanne Cooper, Executive Director - WREN
Ellen S. Kief, Attorney at Law - Immigration

Luncheon Keynote & Networking Lunch 12:30 - 1:45
Introductions: Senator John Gallus
Orville B. “Bud” Fitch, State Director for Sen. Kelly Ayotte
Keynote: John Hallé, President & CEO of Cate Street Capital, Inc.
Lunch Served

Session 4 2:00 - 2:45 Educational/Academic: How educational programs and international student exchange can impact or enhance trade and economic development
Introductions: Dr. Tony Cicerone, Professor - Bridgewater State University
Dr. Thad Gulbrandsen, Professor - Plymouth State University
Dr Ross Gittell, Chancellor - Community College System of NH
Dr. Mehdi Farashahi, Professor - John Molson School of Business, Concordia University

Session 5 3:00 - 3:45 Alternative Energy Development: How modern energy projects are economic development: Do biofuels and conservation go hand in hand? Can an energy corridor allow for hydro/gas without effecting tourism? Why are wind facilities on undevelopable land worth investing in?
Introductions: Bill Gardner, NH Secretary Of State
Pat McDermott, Sr. Vice President - Public Service Company of NH
Gilbert Bennett, Vice President - NALCOR Lower Churchill Project
Rick Janega, President - Emera Newfoundland and Labrador
Daniel Whyte, Sr. Vice President - Brookfield Power

Wrap-Up and Analysis 4:00 - 4:30 The Future: How we follow up and continue the discussion in our own specific ways
Close: Moderator Mike Nikitas - NECN
Bob Good, President - NECBC
Rep. Raymond Gagnon - NHCTC
Thank You: Rep. Edmond Gionet, Chair - NHCTC

Reception 4:30-6:30
Canadian Consul General Binns
Quebec Delegate Marie-Claude Francoeur