

This page provides a comprehensive list of trade-related international events held in the Tampa Bay Region by month and date and the list of contributing organizations and Bi-national chambers that have an international focus.

## SECOND QUARTER 2009

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### April

#### April 22<sup>nd</sup>: The Business of Mexico and the Opportunities for Tampa Bay companies

Explore opportunities to grow your businesses through imports/exports and investments with Mexico. Learn about local, state, and federal resources available for businesses. Presentations by Mexican government officials.

Location: Quorum Hotel (Westshore area)

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Cost: \$40

*Limited seating. RSVP required.*

For more information, please contact the Tampa/Hillsborough International Protocol Office – Irma Bridgeford at (813)276-9457 or [ibridgeford@tampachamber.com](mailto:ibridgeford@tampachamber.com)

To register, please call Courtney Congelio at (813) 276-9440 or visit:

[www.tampachamber.com/ci\\_events.asp](http://www.tampachamber.com/ci_events.asp)

#### April 28<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup>: International Trade Certificate Program

Organized by the Small Business Development Center at the University of South Florida, this six-week course will give participants hands-on experience in developing and growing an international business. It will also prepare participants for the NABSITE Certified Global Business Professional Exam. The courses are taught by professionals who work in the field. A certificate is given upon completion.

Location: USF Downtown Center/Port Authority Building

Time: 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Krissy Larsson at (813) 905-5815.

To register, call (813)905-5810 or visit <https://sbdc.usf.edu/calendar.asp>.

**April 29<sup>th</sup>: Caribbean Webinar Series – Bahamas and Barbados.** The U.S. Department of Commerce and the Foreign Commercial Service present a series of webinars on the Caribbean markets. On the upcoming online seminar, participants will learn about the Bahamas and Barbados' key industry sectors, as well as legal aspects of doing business in these countries. A Question and Answer session will follow after the webinar.

Location: online

Time: 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. EDT (U.S. Eastern Time).

For more information, contact [Linda.Abbruzzo@mail.doc.gov](mailto:Linda.Abbruzzo@mail.doc.gov) or [George.Martinez@mail.doc.gov](mailto:George.Martinez@mail.doc.gov).

To learn more and/or register, visit the following website:

<https://emenuapps.ita.doc.gov/ePublic/newWebinarRegistration.jsp?SmartCode=9Q4D>

### **April 30<sup>th</sup>: Export University 301: Export Financing Solutions**

This seminar is designed for new-to-export companies and for exporters who want to expand their business. Participants will learn from experienced professionals about export financing options and methods of payment, export insurance, and the implications of dealing with foreign currency fluctuations and tax considerations.

Location: Manatee Community College - Lakewood Ranch Center (7131 Professional Parkway East, Sarasota, FL 34240)

Time: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Cost: \$30 (includes coffee, lunch and course materials).

For more info, contact Mireya Eavey at (941)309-1200 ext. 105.

To register, please visit the following website: [http://www.edcsarasotacounty.com/register.asp?e\\_id=136](http://www.edcsarasotacounty.com/register.asp?e_id=136)

## May

### **May 8<sup>th</sup>: EFI Brussels/UK Briefing**

Enterprise Florida will be presenting a global market briefing on business opportunities for U.S. firms in the European Union.

Location: Tampa Port Authority Boardroom

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Cost: Free. *Limited seating available; first come, first served basis.*

For more information, contact Rebecca Torres at [rtorres@eflorida.com](mailto:rtorres@eflorida.com) or call 813-276-9430.

### **May 11<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>: International Business Basics**

Organized by the Small Business Development Center at the University of South Florida, this seminar will provide a broad overview of trade with a special emphasis on importing. Participants will be able to formulate a strategy, develop a viable trade plan, and support their efforts through easily accessible resources.

Location: USF Downtown Center/Port Authority Building

Time: 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

For more info, contact Krissy Larsson at (813) 905-5815.

To register, call (813) 905-5810 or visit <https://sbdc.usf.edu/calendar.asp>.

### **May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 3<sup>rd</sup>: Canada Outbound Trade Mission**

Join the Committee of One Hundred, in cooperation with the Honorary Consulate of Canada and representatives from Tampa's leadership, on this outbound trade mission to Toronto and Mississauga, Ontario. Led by Mayor Pam Iorio, City of Tampa, highlights of the mission include: economic briefings with Canadian government representatives, seminars on doing business in Ontario and Tampa, customized one-on-one appointments with Canadian companies arranged to fit your company profile, reception with the U.S. Consul General at his residence in Toronto, and reception at the MaRS Discovery Centre. For more information, please contact Kathy Acevedo at [kacevedo@tampachamber.com](mailto:kacevedo@tampachamber.com), or 813-276-9409.

## June

### **June 9<sup>th</sup>–10<sup>th</sup>: Automated Export System Regulations seminar**

A two-day seminar and workshops on the new regulations for filing export information. On the first day, an in-depth training seminar will be taught by U.S. Dept. of Commerce instructors who write and enforce the regulations. The second day involves hands-on workshops in a computer lab to learn electronic filing. To register and pay online: <http://www.buyusa.gov/florida/aes.html>. For more information, contact George Martinez at (727) 893-3738 or [George.Martinez@mail.doc.gov](mailto:George.Martinez@mail.doc.gov)

### **June 19<sup>th</sup>: Import and Export Seminar**

Organized by the Hispanic Business Initiative Fund (HBIF), participants will learn the basics of importing their companies' products and about the resources available to assist companies in the process. All HBIF seminars are presented in Spanish.

Location: Corporate Square (7402 N. 56<sup>th</sup> St. Building 400, Suite 425, Tampa, FL 33617).

Time: 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Cost: free. *Open to the public.*

To register, call (813) 980-2765 or visit [www.HBIFTampa.org](http://www.HBIFTampa.org)

## Recurring Events

### **Scandinavian and Baltic Trade Association**

Luncheons held on the last Friday of every month.

Location: Laundry's Seafood House

Time: starting at 11:45 a.m.

Cost: \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members.

Featured speakers will be:

**April** – Mr. John Lofthus, former Justice Department prosecutor

**May** – IKEA grand opening

RSVP in a timely manner to [info@scandbalt.org](mailto:info@scandbalt.org)

### **Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Tampa Bay**

Monthly networking meetings on the first Tuesday of every month.

Location: varies

Time: 6 p.m.

For additional information, visit <http://www.ccctb.com/default.asp>

### **British American Business Council**

Business networking event on the last Thursday of every month.

Location: Mad Dog's & Englishmen

Time: 5:30 p.m.

For more information, visit <http://www.babctampabay.org/events.php>

### **French-American Business Council of West Florida**

Networking breakfast on the first Wednesday of every month.

Locations: Kahwa Cafe in St. Petersburg (475 2nd St N, Saint Petersburg, FL 33701), and L' Eden in Downtown Tampa (500 N Tampa St., Tampa, FL 33602)

Time: 8 a.m.

### **Indo-US Chamber of Commerce**

Business networking meetings on the second Wednesday of every month.

Location: Quorum Hotel (Westshore area)

For more information, visit <http://www.indo-us.org>

### **Organization of Women in International Trade**

Monthly meetings on the third Thursday of every month.

For more information, visit <http://www.tbowit.org>

### **Tampa Bay Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**

Luncheons held on the second Thursday of every month (except December).

Location: West Shore Hotel

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members, \$30 at the door.

For more information, visit <http://freecal.brownbearsw.com/TBHCC>

## **Contributing Organizations**

### **Enterprise Florida, Inc.**

For information on EFI Missions and Trade Events in the following regions: Latin America and the Caribbean, North America, Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and Middle East.

Contact Rebecca Torres at [rtorres@eflorida.com](mailto:rtorres@eflorida.com)

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### **District Export Council / US Commercial Service**

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Website: <http://www.buyusa.gov/florida/>

### **Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, Committee of One Hundred, International Trade and Investment**

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### **Hispanic Business Initiative Fund (HBIF)**

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### **Pinellas County Economic Development**

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### **Pinellas Foreign Trade Zone 193**

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### **Small Business Development Center/USF**

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### **Tampa Bay World Affairs Council**

Stephen Albee, [salbee@tampabayworldaffairs.com](mailto:salbee@tampabayworldaffairs.com)

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### **Tampa Foreign Trade Zone 79**

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### **Tampa International Airport**

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Website: [www.tampaairport.com](http://www.tampaairport.com)

### **Tampa Port Authority**

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Website: <http://www.tampaport.com/index>

## Bi-national Chambers and Business Councils

### **Brazil-Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce**

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Website: <http://www.braziltampa.org>

### **British-American Business Council of Tampa Bay**

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### **Caribbean-American Chamber of Commerce**

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### **Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Tampa Bay**

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### **French American Business Council of West Florida**

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### **Indo-US Chamber of Commerce**

Website: [www.indo-us.org](http://www.indo-us.org)

### **Philippine-American Chamber of Commerce**

Website: [www.pacoftampabay.com](http://www.pacoftampabay.com)

### **Scandinavian & Baltic Trade Association**

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Website: [www.scandbalt.org](http://www.scandbalt.org)

**Tampa Bay Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**

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**Tampa Bay Organization of Women in International Trade**

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**Tampa-Panama Business Council**

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**Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce of Tampa Bay**

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