Global Competitiveness Summit II

Adopting A Global Vision for the Charlotte Region.

February 21, 2013

7:00 Breakfast and Networking

7:45 Welcome and Purpose
Dr. Tony Zeiss, President, Central Piedmont Community College

7:55 Global Competitiveness Assets
Sharon Decker, N.C. Secretary of Commerce

8:10 Keynote Speech–A Global Economy
Dr. John Silvia, Managing Director and Chief Economist, Wells Fargo

8:40 Keynote Speech–Charlotte in the Patterns of Global Trade
Michael Gallis, Principal, Michael Gallis & Associates

9:10 Greetings
Anthony Foxx, Mayor of Charlotte

9:20 U.S. Perspective on Global Competitiveness
Seth Harris, Acting Secretary, U.S. Department of Labor

9:35 Break

9:45 "Prosperity for Greater Charlotte" Report Summary
Mike Manis, Dir., Community and Eco. Dev., Centralina Council of Governments

10:00 Announcement of Charlotte Chamber's Strategic Plan
Bob Morgan, President, Charlotte Chamber of Commerce

10:20 Presentation of the Charlotte Regional Partnership Marketing Plan
Ronnie Bryant, President & CEO, Charlotte Regional Partnership

10:40 Panel Discussion led by Chris William, Wells Fargo, featuring:
- Jeff Merrifield, Sr. VP of global business development, Shaw Power Group
- Dana Hicks, President, Huber Technology
- Mark Pringle, Senior VP, Siemens
- Steve Partridge, President, Charlotte Works

11:00 Panel Discussion led by Chris William, Wells Fargo, featuring:
- Jerry Orr, Aviation Director, Charlotte Douglas International Airport
- Chase Saunders, Attorney, McNair Law Firm
- Dr. Carol Spalding, President, Rowan Cabarrus Community College
- Greg Sizemore, Director, Charlotte U.S. Export Assistance Center
- Ljubomir (LJ) Stambuk, President & CEO, World Affairs Council of Charlotte

11:20 German Ambassador to the United States
Peter Ammon

11:35 Board Chair, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
Tanja Gonner

11:55 Call to Action
Dr. Tony Zeiss

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