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For Immediate Release

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University Park, Illinois, October 11, 2005 – The Global Trade Center at Governors State University will host a presentation and forum event entitled “Bridging the Gap,” on Wednesday, October 19.

The event will be held in the Center for Performing Arts, at the University’s main campus, located at 1 University Parkway, University Park, Illinois. The forum is targeted toward south suburban leaders in business, economic development, and the community.

“As our Global Trade Center begins to expand its resources and play a larger role in the community, we need to make sure that we are offering services that are truly useful and impactful,” said Hilary Burkinshaw, Director of the Global Trade Center and the CenterPoint Small Business Development Center.

“Bridging the Gap” will feature three guest speakers who will discuss different aspects of international trade. The speakers include Mike Seddon, International Manager of Central District Supply Chain Solutions for United Parcel Service (UPS); John Grueling, President of the Will County Center for Economic Development; and James Foley, published author and Director of the International Trade Center at Bradley University.

The speakers will provide varying viewpoints on international trade and its effects on the Midwest, Illinois, and Will County. “We’ve assembled three dynamic speakers who can address the important issues facing the community and generate dialogue among the participants,” Burkinshaw said.

Following the speaker presentations, attendees will be asked to discuss and give feedback on global trade issues facing the Chicago southland, added Burkinshaw. The feedback and opinions voiced at the meeting will drive the types of services offered by the Global Trade Center.

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