



International Trade Council Features U.S. Department of Commerce Under Secretary for Industry and Security

The Partnership's International Trade Council met March 3 and featured the U.S. Department of Commerce's Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Eric L. Hirschhorn. Mr. Hirschhorn presented on service and trade compliance rules, specifically as they relate to sales and compliance departments within companies that export goods and services.

Mr. Hirschhorn oversees the Commerce agency that advances U.S. national security, foreign policy and economic objectives by ensuring an effective export control and treaty compliance system and by promoting U.S. strategic technology leadership.

In addition to Mr. Hirschhorn's presentation, Bob Pertierra, the Partnership's chief economic development officer and senior vice president, provided an overview of the progress on the Houston Metro Export Plan. The plan is part of the Partnership's work with the Global Cities Initiative, a joint project of the Brookings Institution and JPMorgan Chase. The plan features an analysis of the region's export economy and offers recommendations to help Houston companies expand their businesses through exporting goods and services around the world. The plan will be released at the [State of Houston's Global Economy](#) event on April 6.