



## **Consul General of Germany talks Trans-Atlantic Trade Partnership at Coffee with the Consuls Event**

The Partnership hosted its Coffee with the Consuls: Doing Business with Germany event on Tuesday, April 14 in the Partnership board room. The Honorable Ricarda Redeker, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany served as the guest speaker. She discussed the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and how it impacts Houston's trade relationship with Germany.

During his welcome remarks, Horacio Licon, the Partnership's Vice President of International Trade and Investment said, "Our foreign trade relationships, such as with Germany, are integral to our success, as well as future successes." He added, "Today's event comes at a critical time as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) is in negotiations."

"Germany is committed to this ambitious and comprehensive agreement," said Consul General Redeker. She also noted that the partnership is a geo-strategic opportunity to build a framework for trade amidst increasing pressure from emerging markets, and will create the world's largest free trade zone.

Germany is Houston's seventh largest international trading partner, with \$9.8 billion in total annual trade between Houston and Germany in 2014.