



Partnership hosts inaugural State of Houston's Global Economy event, releases *Global Houston* report

The Partnership hosted the inaugural State of Houston's Global Economy event on May 27 at the JW Marriot Galleria. The event and accompanying *Global Houston* report focused on Houston's position in the global economy.

Dan Bellow, Partnership Board Member, welcomed the audience and set the context for the discussion. "Houston has arrived as a global city," he noted. "We are the most diverse city in the nation with more than 100 languages are spoken in our region."

Patrick Jankowski, Partnership Senior Vice President of Research, released the findings of the *Global Houston* report. "Houston's economy has more than doubled in size in the last 14 years," said Jankowski. According to the report, there were 3,200 Houston companies engaged in global trade in 2005. In 2015, there are 5,700. The report also features *Trade Profiles* highlighting Houston's top 25 trading partners.

"Large economies get noticed," added Jankowski. "We have the 25th biggest economy in the world." He remarked that if Houston were an independent nation, our economy would be slightly smaller than Poland and Norway but larger than Belgium and Taiwan.

The event also included a panel discussion moderated by Lisa Shumate of Houston Public Media. The diverse panel included international executives from Goodman Manufacturing, Crane Worldwide Logistics, Odebrecht Group and HSBC Holdings. "Houston is a platform for relationships with other global companies. We have a base of human capital here," said David Peebles, Vice President of Business Development for Odebrecht Group.

The full *Global Houston* report is available [here](#).