



# GREAT PLAINS INTERNATIONAL TRADE ASSOCIATION

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## **FREE South Dakota/Regional International Import and Export Forums**

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### **When and where will the forums be presented?**

The Great Plains International Trade Association would like to remind you about the upcoming South Dakota/Regional International Import and Export Trade Forums. The dates, times, and locations for these forums are:

- August 5th, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Brookings, SD, Daktronics Conference Room
- August 6th, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Sioux Falls, SD, Ramkota Inn
- August 7th, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Sioux City, IA, Siouxland Chamber of Commerce
- August 10th, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Rapid City, SD, Rapid City Economic Development Offices

Directions to each location can be provided upon request.

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### **What topics will be addressed during the forums?**

The topics discussed at the forums will cover a wide range of issues such as:

- Logistics and Compliance
- Global Banking
- Product Sourcing
- Economical Development
- United States Customs and Border Protection

The key speaker of these forums will be Michael Joseph, an expert in international trade and logistics with more than 35 years of experience. Other speakers will be: Rock Nelson, International Marketing Director, Sioux Falls Development Foundation; Jenny Zhang, China Trade, Inc.; Cinnamon King, U.S. Department of Commerce- Export Assistance Center (Rapid City tentative); Laura Pedersen, First National Bank of Omaha, Global Banking Business Development (not Rapid City); Mike Horan, Port Director, U.S. Customs (Rapid City tentative); Phil Post, Harry F. Long Customs Brokers. **Regional speakers include:** Dan Ames (Rapid City), President, Great Plains International Trade Association; Bruce Viau (Sioux City), International Coordinator, Kolberg Pioneer; Jeff Robbins (Brookings), Corporate Purchasing Manager, Daktronics, Inc.; Jamison Rounds (Sioux Falls), President, Rounds International.

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### **Who can attend these forums?**

Anyone interested in improving their company's import and/or export potential is encouraged to attend. The forums are FREE to anyone and any number of people. Attendees do not need to be a Great Plains International Trade Association member to attend the forums.

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### **How do I reserve seats for the forums?**

To guarantee a seat at the forums, please call Rock Nelson at 605-338-3424 to confirm your RSVP or e-mail Rock Nelson at [Rock@siouxfalls.com](mailto:Rock@siouxfalls.com). Space is limited, so confirm your attendance as soon as you can.