



The Houston District Export Council  
presents

# Export Excellence Awards Luncheon

Tuesday, May 24, 2005  
Hilton Americas Hotel  
11:30am — 1:00 pm

The historic *Export Excellence Awards* honor Houston area companies, organizations or individuals that excel in the promotion of exports. The award highlights the crucial role of exports to the Houston area economy and recognize the recipients' efforts to promote and expand area exports.

This event is part of a nationwide celebration of **World Trade Week 2005**.

**Special Guest:**

Neal Burnham  
Deputy Assistant Secretary, Domestic Operations  
U.S. Commercial Service—U.S. Department of Commerce

**Export Excellence Leadership Award Recipient  
& Keynote Speaker**

Jim Kollaer  
President and CEO  
Greater Houston Partnership

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**Luncheon Cost: \$65**

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**Deadline: Friday, May 20, 2005**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**2005 Award  
Recipients**

*Special Presentation*  
**Export Excellence  
Leadership Award**

**Jim C. Kollaer**  
Greater Houston Partnership

*Inaugural Award for  
Export Excellence*  
Pat Foley  
Greater Houston Partnership

*Exporter*  
Ralph Lopez  
Marathon Oil

*Freight Forwarder/Custom Broker*  
Rey Gonzales  
Universal International

*Financial Institution*  
TD Securities

*Transportation*  
Alistair Macnab  
Greater Houston Port Bureau

*Association*  
Houston Air Cargo Association

*Legal*  
Najla Tanous  
U.S. Small Business Administration

*Public Sector Export Assistance*  
James Cook

*Private Sector Export Assistance*  
George Donnelly

*Regulatory*  
Gene Christiansen  
U.S. Department of Commerce