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**WTCNO hosts a Roundtable Discussion with Trade Commissioner for the Embassy of Spain for Louisiana**

NEW ORLEANS— The World Trade Center of New Orleans, in association with Louisiana Economic Development and the Trade Commission of Spain, will host a business roundtable meeting with Mr. Mario Buisan, Trade Commissioner for the Embassy of Spain for the state of Louisiana. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 27, beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the WTCNO Conference Room (Suite 1120, One Canal Place Office Tower).

This meeting will convene to discuss trade and investment opportunities in the region. The Trade Commission would like to provide assistance for both Louisiana companies interested in investment opportunities in Spain and opportunities for Spanish companies in Louisiana.

Mario Buisan is responsible for promotion of Spanish goods into the U.S. market, and strengthening business relations and Spanish investments in the area. From 2004 to 2009, he was Director General of Information and Investments at the Spanish Institute for Foreign Trade (ICEX). Prior to this, he was Deputy Director General of International Affairs at Banco de Espana. He also worked at the MIGA Agency of World Bank. He was a former Trade Commissioner of Spain in Dusseldorf, Germany and has occupied several positions in the Ministry of Economics and Finance.

From 2008 to 2011 Louisiana’s exports to Spain grew from $573 million to $941 million.

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Exports from Louisiana to Spain

Imports from Spain to Louisiana

If you would like to attend please RSVP to Eliza Brierre, Trade Programs Director, by email at ebrierre@wtcno.org, or by phone at (504) 619-9834. **Seating is limited, so please RSVP by Wednesday, November 21 at 3:00 p.m.**