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Chester County Economic Development Council
co-sponsors event on international trade, globalization
Event takes place June 7 in Philadelphia

EXTON _ Franklin L. Lavin, Under Secretary Of Commerce for International Trade, is the guest speaker for an international trade and globalization event at the Union League in Philadelphia on June 7.

The Chester County Economic Development Council, along with the Bucks County International Trade Council and the World Affairs Council of Greater Valley Forge, are co-sponsoring the event. The Foreign Policy Research Institute is the presenting organization.

Ambassador Lavin served as the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore (2001-2005) and prior to that worked as a banker and venture capitalist in Hong Kong and Singapore, serving in senior banking and management positions at Citibank and Bank of America. During the George H. W. Bush administration, Lavin served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Asia and the Pacific. In that position, he was responsible for commercial policy, assisting companies with market access, and trade negotiations for all of East Asia, except Japan. He has also held staff positions at the White House, the State Department, and the National Security Council.

Ambassador Lavin earned a B.S.F.S. at the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, an M.S. in Chinese Language and History, also from Georgetown, an M.A. in International Relations and International Economics from the School of Advanced International Relations at Johns Hopkins University, and an M.B.A. in Finance at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. Lavin is a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserves.

The event takes place on Wednesday, June 7, 2006, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Union League of Philadelphia at 140 South Broad Street. The event is free to members of the presenting organization and the co-sponsoring organizations. The cost to the public is \$20. To register call (215 732-2774, ext. 303 or email lux@fpri.org.

The Chester County Economic Development Council is a private, non-profit economic development organization that has been nurturing economic growth in Chester County and the surrounding region for more than 40 years. The Council's portfolio of business growth services includes: low-interest financing, small business lending, workforce training, retention and expansion, customized international business

assistance, land and building site selection, brownfields consultation and remediation, urban redevelopment, and agricultural economic development. The Council also offers state-of-the art conference and training facilities at its brand new facility in Eagleview. For more information, see www.cceconomicdevelopment.com.