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Bevers Attends Annual Meeting of National Association of Foreign-Trade Zones

ROCKFORD, III. – Marge Bevers, FTZ Administrator at the Chicago Rockford International Airport, attended the 39th annual National Association of Foreign-Trade Zones (NAFTZ) conference and expo on September 11 – 14 in New Orleans, LA. The event, titled Building Businesses & Communities Through Trade, featured educational sessions focused on opportunities for foreign-trade zones to promote economic development, global competitiveness and job growth in the U.S.

Some of the educational sessions included topics on developing a global trade network and updates on regulatory and compliance changes concerning FTZs and global trade. The 325 attendees included grantees, importers, service providers, government officials, FTZ operators and end users involved in international trade.

The Greater Rockford Airport Authority is the grantee for FTZ #176, which serves companies in all or part of 11 counties in north central Illinois. The cost savings from FTZ processes help importers to increase their global competitiveness. Communities where FTZs are located also see benefits from economic development through international trade, expanded business attraction opportunities and job retention and creation.

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