



**NAITA**  
North Alabama International Trade Association

**NAITA 2008 Annual Meeting**  
***Visioning for the Future: Building a Globally Competitive Region***

**Friday • January 25, 2008**

**11:15 a.m. – Registration • 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch & Program**  
**at the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County • 225 Church Street**

Regional visioning is critical to remaining competitive in today's global economy. **Dr. David Kolzow**, Tamerica Management Company, will discuss the importance of this process in moving towards regional collaboration. Our keynote speaker has been involved in economic development consulting for over 30 years and his experience in strategic planning is unequalled. *He is currently leading the visioning effort for the Tennessee Valley Regional Growth Coordination Plan addressing growth issues associated with the impact of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) on Redstone Arsenal.* Kolzow has also conducted training in organizational management for the International Economic Development Council, where he has been the primary instructor for their two-day management course for the past ten years.

Regional Visioning is a key issue identified by ***The North Alabama Region: A Globally Competitive Community (GC<sup>2</sup>)*** initiative of the Port of Huntsville and NAITA. **GC<sup>2</sup>** is the result of a series of Global Community Forums held in conjunction with the Southern Growth Policies Board of North Carolina to address *Globally Positioning the South*. Three primary focus areas were discussed: strengthening workforce, strengthening business, and strengthening civic relationships. A strong recommendation that resulted from these forums was that a strategic plan is needed to address the issues of globalization. A regional visioning effort will help all of North Alabama effectively and efficiently identify and address common issues across the region. Collaboration on these critical issues is key to the success of North Alabama as a globally competitive community.

*NAITA's 2008 Officers and Board of Directors will be inducted, and the Annual Meeting will also kickoff NAITA's 25th Anniversary.* Come learn about the exciting year planned for this celebration. Your participation is so important as we celebrate and plan for future global and NAITA success! The meeting will be held in the new Auditorium at the Chamber of Commerce in downtown Huntsville. From I-565, take the Downtown Exit #19C.

**NAITA 2008 Annual Meeting RESERVATION FORM**

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**COST:**      \$25.00 for NAITA Members      \_\_\_\_\_ **PAYMENT ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **AMOUNT**  
                  \$30.00 for Non-Members      \_\_\_\_\_ **PAID ONLINE BY CREDIT CARD**

*Payment must be made in advance at [www.naita.org](http://www.naita.org) (Credit cards will not be accepted at the event.)*

**Or return this form with a check made payable to:**

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*Reservations and cancellations must be received by January 18, 2008. If you are unable to attend, a substitute may be sent.*  
**Questions? Contact NAITA at 256.532.3505 or [naita@naita.org](http://naita@naita.org).**