



The Greater Jackson County
Chamber of Commerce
"Where the Mountains Meet the Lakes"

Export Alabama: Partnership for Global Success

**Thursday · April 7, 2005 · 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. · Scottsboro
 at the Greater Jackson County Chamber of Commerce · 407 East Willow Street**

These are extraordinary times for American businesses. They face dramatic and historic changes – changes that create uncertainty as well as vast opportunity. How do these changes affect the Alabama business community? How does Alabama meet these challenges, overcome the uncertainty, and seize the opportunities?

The success of Alabama's small and medium-sized businesses is essential to the economic prosperity of the state, and the key to growth of small and medium-sized businesses lies in exports. Smaller companies engaged in international business are more stable, achieve higher growth rates, and pay higher wages. *Export Alabama* focuses on Alabama's "home grown" companies, with an emphasis on minority- and women-owned businesses. Alabama strives to gain a competitive international business edge through the promotion of export growth. *Export Alabama* works with Partners in Alabama, the nation, and the world to develop initiatives to gain new market access for Alabama products.

Members of the *Export Alabama Alliance* will present an overview of this initiative and provide guidance to companies interested in entering or expanding overseas markets. Panelists include:

- Don Palmer, Director of Alabama Business Development, Panalpina, Inc., Huntsville, and President of the North Alabama International Trade Association (NAITA)
- Hilda Lockhart, Manager-International Trade Division, Alabama Development Office, Montgomery
- Nelda Segars, International Trade Specialist, U.S. Commercial Service, Birmingham Export Assistance Center, Birmingham
- Robert Stackpole, Intl. Trade Specialist, Alabama International Trade Center, Tuscaloosa
- Anne Burkett, Director of Planning & Economic Development, Madison County Commission, and NAITA Executive Director



Export Alabama RESERVATION FORM

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Early reservations are advised as seating will be limited. For directions and further information on the location, contact Shelia Shepard, Jackson County Economic Development Authority, at 256-574-1331.

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