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## National Experts Talk Trade & Doing Business Internationally

- D.C. trade expert to discuss the importance of free trade and the implications of disruptive trade policy to Alabama businesses
- Trade, workforce and infrastructure/gas tax – three panels address key topics for Mobile companies.
- Tickets are available for the Nov. 12-13 summit

### Global Supply Chain & Logistics Summit

**When:** Tuesday, Nov. 12, optional tour of Port of Mobile & APM Terminals & opening reception  
Wednesday, Nov. 13 summit 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**What:** Summit topics include trade, infrastructure, gas tax updates and more

**Who:** Industry experts, government leaders and those in charge of buying/selling globally

**Where:** Battle House Hotel

**Cost:** \$135

**RSVP:** 251.431.8629 or [events.mobilechamber.com](http://events.mobilechamber.com)

A statewide summit focused on doing business globally will take place in Mobile, Nov. 12-13 at the Battle House Hotel. The Mobile Area Chamber is hosting the eighth Alabama Global Supply Chain & Logistics Summit on behalf of the Alabama Department of Commerce program. It was last held in Mobile in 2016.

“In order to be successful in the global market, our Mobile companies must view the world as one big supply chain and stay on top of the latest trends that can affect their success,” said David Rodgers, the Mobile Area Chamber’s vice president of economic development. “We are bringing the experts to Mobile to help our industry partners do exactly that.”

Local, state and national experts will address key topics for today’s businesses who buy and sell internationally, including the current trade environment; recruiting and maintaining qualified workers; infrastructure and gas tax updates; custom and border protection; and cybersecurity.

Examples of companies with complex global supply chains include Airbus, Aker Solutions and the Walmart Import Distribution Center.

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Bryan Riley, director of the National Taxpayers Union's Free Trade Initiative, will present the luncheon keynote. He will discuss the importance of free trade and the implications of disruptive trade policy to Alabama businesses and their global supply chains.

Riley's background includes years of research on the impact of trade. He has led grassroots campaigns in support of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and in opposition to special-interest efforts to get the government to pick winners and losers in the U.S. economy.

State speakers, presenters and panelists include Greg Canfield, Alabama's Secretary of Commerce; Ed Castile, Deputy Secretary of Commerce, AIDT; Rolf Wrona, vice president of human resources, Mercedes-Benz; Donna Dedeaux, director, Port of Pascagoula, customs and border; and Jimmy Lyons, director & CEO, Alabama State Port Authority.

The event is geared toward Alabama domestic and international businesses, regional economic developers, state and local government officials and international service providers.

Tickets are available and the cost is \$135 per person through Wednesday, Nov. 6. Reservations are required, and can be made by at [events.mobilechamber.com](http://events.mobilechamber.com) or contacting Kayley Shepard at 251-431-8629.

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#### **About the Mobile Area Chamber**

The Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce is a private business organization with 1,900 members that employ 105,000 people, and the economic developer of record for the City of Mobile and Mobile County. We represent business interests of the Mobile region, advocating for business-friendly legislative policies and serve as a resource for small businesses and area entrepreneurs. Additional information is on the Chamber's website at [www.mobilechamber.com](http://www.mobilechamber.com), Facebook @MobileChamber, Twitter and YouTube at @MobileChamber, Instagram @ Mobile\_Area\_Chamber and LinkedIn @Mobile Area Chamber.