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NCBFAA, CAAAREM Sign Voluntary Cooperation Agreement to Enhance US-Mexico Trade

Tucson, AZ: On April 20, at its 2016 Annual Conference National Custom Brokers & Forwarders Association of America Inc., (NCBFAA) President Geoffrey Powell signed a voluntary cooperation agreement with Confederación De Asociaciones De Agentes Aduanales De La República Mexicana, A.C., (CAAAREM) President Jose Antonio Vidales Flores.

The Agreement establishes the scope of private sector activities between NCBFAA and CAAAREM that will enhance the competitiveness of U.S.-Mexican trade by facilitating “trade practices, ensuring security and lawful practices in the supply chain and generating growth and prosperity” for their respective countries.

In addition, the agreement calls for collaborative efforts to increase the professionalism of those involved in “facilitating foreign trade, promoting and supporting companies and increasing exports and imports.”

Under the agreement, NCBFAA and CAAAREM will support each other by:

- Conducting coordinated certification processes to enhance the skills of those engaged in international trade.
- Exchanging strategic trade information for timely analysis and engaging in joint efforts to facilitate and improve the supply chain security.
- Promoting best trade practices and increasing business transparency.
- Marketing each organization to the other’s members through various communication mechanisms.
- Defining methods to support the exchange of knowledge in foreign trade, both in practice and theory.

The specifics of this support, its duration and anticipated benefits, will announced in a forthcoming written statement.

Headquartered in Washington, DC, the NCBFAA represents more than 1,000 member companies with 100,000 employees in international trade - the nation's leading freight forwarders, customs brokers, ocean transportation intermediaries (OTIs), NVOCCs and air cargo agents, serving more than 250,000 importers and exporters. Established in 1897 in New York, NCBFAA is considered the national voice of the industry. Through its various committees, counsel and representatives, the Association maintains a close watch over legislative and regulatory issues that affect its members. It keeps them informed of these and other related issues through its weekly Monday Morning eBriefing and various meetings as well as conferences throughout the year.

Founded in 1938, CAAAREM is an organization that represents and defends the professional interests of specialists in foreign trade: Customs Brokers. CAAAREM is represented by 875 customs agents at border, maritime, air and inland points of the Mexican Republic, through 37 Associations of Customs Agents. It is also an invited member of the

CCE, international organizations as ASAPRA (Customs Professionals Association of America) and IFCBA (International Federation of Customs Brokers), participant of the APEC meetings, OECD, ICC, WTO and WCO. Commercial activity associated with the Mexican customs agent sector is the direct and indirect source of 720,000 jobs in Mexico.

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