



San Francisco Global Trade Council

cordially invites you to a

Breakfast Briefing

featuring

His Excellency John Beyrle, US Ambassador to Bulgaria

Ambassador Beyrle's overseas service has included two tours at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, most recently as Deputy Chief of Mission. He was Counselor for Political and Economic Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Prague, and a member of the U.S. Delegation to the CFE Negotiations in Vienna. He served an earlier tour at the U.S. Embassy in Bulgaria 1985-87. His Washington assignments include Acting Special Adviser to the Secretary of State for the New Independent States, and Director for Russian, Ukrainian and Eurasian Affairs at the National Security Council. He served as a staff officer to Secretaries of State George Shultz and James Baker.

and

Her Excellency Elena Poptodorova, Bulgarian Ambassador to the US

Ambassador Poptodorova was named Ambassador of Bulgaria to the United States in 2002. Prior to her appointment, she served as Director in the Directorate of International Organizations and Human Rights, and was also appointed Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 1990 to 2001, Ambassador Poptodorova was a Member of Parliament and served on the Committee of Foreign Policy and European Integration.

Also in attendance will be **James Rigassio**, Commercial Attaché, US Embassy in Bulgaria, **Nikolay Valov**, Commercial Attaché at the Bulgarian Embassy, Washington, DC, **Borislav Boyanov**, President of the American Chamber of Commerce, Bulgaria, and **Valentin Georgiev**, its Executive Director.

The US and Bulgarian governments, with the American Chamber of Commerce in Bulgaria, are working together to highlight opportunities for trade and investment with Bulgaria. Now that Bulgaria is a full member of the EU, US companies can find new and greater opportunities in Bulgaria. Geographically situated at the crossroads of Europe, the Middle East and CIS, Bulgaria is planning several major infrastructure projects including bridges, highways, airport modernization, port development, and water and waste treatment facilities.

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