

RUSSIA: Russia's Oil and Gas Projects: An Update From One Embassy Official And Discussion of the New Houston Connection



Russia has undergone many recent changes politically and how that effects the oil and gas industry is vital. New projects are underway in this crucial sector of the economy. How are these changes effecting partners? How can American businesses in the currently economic climate? How can small and mid-sized US companies navigate the new relationships and motivate partners, while at the same time properly learning the necessary legal protections? Implementing a strategy to deal with the challenges of the Russian market can be made easier by understanding who the significant players are and how they operate. Russia will be a long-term player in the oil and gas market, and Russian interests in American equipment and service providers continue to grow. The speakers at this seminar will share their knowledge and insight of the market and strategies to deal with a changing commercial landscape. Please join us for this networking breakfast.

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

International Trade Center

Main Program: 8:30 am to 10:30 pm

One-on-One Appointments: 10:30-12:30 pm

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8:00 – 8:30	Breakfast and Registration
8:30 – 8:35	Welcome and Opening Comments Duaine A. Priestley, Director, US Commercial Service, Houston
8:35 – 8:50	Russia – Houston and Texas Trade and Investment The Honorable Nikolay Babich Consul General of Russia
8:50 – 9:45	Gulnara Kenzhebulatavo, Russia Oil and Gas Specialist, US Embassy Moscow
9:45 – 10:10	Legal Considerations on the Russia's Business Environment Mr. Andrew Pidgirsky Partner, Adams and Reese
10:10 – 10:30	Working with New Partners and Exploring New Sales Channels Elena Bepalova, Russia Business Council of Houston
10:30 – 12:30	One on One Appointments with U.S. Commercial Service Specialist from Moscow, Gulnara Kenzhebulatova