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## Philadelphia and Delaware Regional Ports: Leadership in energy transportation

*GIC to host major conference in November*

With its shale energy proximity, refining capacities, ports, rail transportation, pipelines, capital infrastructure, midstream energy companies, and geographic location in the Western Hemisphere, our region is poised to become an even stronger player on the international energy stage. There is no better location than Philadelphia for a deep analysis and discussion of energy.

“Energy Interdependence in the Western Hemisphere” will be just such a discussion. To be held on November 5, 2015 at the Philadelphia Federal Reserve, this program will explore three overarching themes: physical and financial infrastructures of the “Midstream,” new energy trade patterns in the Western Hemisphere, and what could be the Greater Philadelphia region’s crucial role in energy interdependence in the Western Hemisphere.

Senior leaders from the energy sector, various governments, and trade organizations in the U.S., Mexico, Canada, and South America

are slated to participate and set out their short- and long-term agendas.

The program is being organized by the Global Interdependence Center (GIC), a non-partisan, nonprofit organization with an international footprint. GIC hosts conferences and symposia around the world to stimulate thoughtful, global dialogue on a wide range of topics, including monetary policy, the global economy, health care, food and water, and much more. GIC members include key policymakers, leaders in business and industry, and academics.

The topic of energy interdependence and the region’s role has created significant interest among key players in the national, international, and greater Philadelphia energy sectors. Several organizations are partnering with GIC on this event, including Blank Rome LLP, a multi-disciplinary law firm with distinguished energy, environmental, and maritime practices.

“The Philadelphia Region energy hub re-

**Panels will dive deeply into a range of topics, including:**

- identifying new trade flows and leveraging trade flows and networks
- the impact of laws, regulations, and political environments on efficient energy redistribution and trade
- the impact of new energy distribution models and patterns of trade on the evolution of the region as the East Coast energy hub
- energy supply chains and modes of transportation
- identifying the region’s energy assets and infrastructures, as well as its efficiencies and inefficiencies in new distribution patterns.

naissance is gaining traction,” stated Mike Krancer, partner and chair of Blank Rome’s Energy Industry Team. “Our region’s future is bright, and we are uniquely poised to create both environmentally responsible development and hundreds of thousands of new jobs for our citizens for generations to come.”

Nonprofits and private companies are not the only entities deeply concerned with this topic. Government entities have a significant role to play in the discussion of the energy sector. For this reason, the Government of Canada has also become a partner in the event. Peter A. Gold, Esq., vice chair of GIC observes, “Canada

seems to be quite interested in transporting energy resources to this region for processing and then reshipping to South America. They are a full partner in this program.”

The conference will host the highest level speakers in the energy sector. Registration is available at <http://bit.ly/PHL115> or by calling 215-238-0990. Anyone who would like to become involved with shaping the conference and being a part of the energy dialogue is invited to contact Event Chair Peter A. Gold at [pagold@thegoldgrp.com](mailto:pagold@thegoldgrp.com).

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