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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

David Abney

Chief Operating Officer, UPS and President, UPS Airlines

As chief operating officer for UPS and president of UPS Airlines, David Abney directs all operations worldwide and a sophisticated global transportation network, including the eighth largest airline in the world. He oversees the pick-up and delivery of 15.6 million packages and documents daily to a service area that includes every address in the United States, as well as to over 200 countries and territories.

A native of Greenwood, Miss., Abney received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Delta State University. He began his UPS career in 1974 as a part-time employee loading and unloading packages.

Abney has held various positions throughout his UPS career, including division manager in New Jersey and district manager in Utah. He also served as president of SonicAir®, UPS's same-day delivery service. While president of SonicAir, Abney was honored with the Professionalism in Services/Support Management Award by the International Association of Services Management for demonstrating exemplary managerial characteristics.

Prior to his current position, Abney led UPS's logistical and freight operations in Canada, Latin America and the United States. He later headed up the global operations of UPS's freight forwarding and customs brokerage operations. During his tenure, Abney oversaw one of UPS's largest acquisitions in recent history - the Fritz Companies. He later served as president, UPS International.

In addition to his corporate responsibilities, David is a Trustee of The UPS Foundation, UPS's charitable arm. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Air Courier Conference of America, the US-Japan Business Council, and the Delta State University Alumni Foundation. Currently, David serves as a board member of the Southern Center for International Studies and the Coalition of Service Industries.

Plenary Speakers

Charles E.M. Kolb

President, Committee for Economic Development

Charles Kolb is President of the Committee for Economic Development (CED) with offices in New York City and Washington, D.C. The Committee for Economic Development is an independent, nonpartisan organization of 250 business and education leaders dedicated to economic and social policy research and the implementation of its recommendations by the public and private sectors. He has held this position since September 1997.

Prior to joining CED, he served as General Counsel and Secretary of United Way of America from 1992 to 1997. During nearly ten years of government service he held several senior-level positions. He served as Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy, The White House (1990-1992). At the White House, he worked on domestic issues involving economic, education, legal, and regulatory matters. From 1983 to 1990, he held three other government positions: Assistant General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget (1983-1986); Deputy General Counsel for Regulations and Legislation, U.S. Department of Education (1986-1988); and Deputy Under Secretary for Planning, Budget and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Education (1988-1990).

Prior to government service, he practiced law at two Washington, D.C., law firms: Covington & Burling and Foreman & Dyess. He also was a law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Joseph H. Young in Baltimore, Maryland.

He received his undergraduate degree at Princeton University and did graduate work at Balliol College, Oxford University, from which he received a Master's Degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics. He holds a law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law where he was Editor-in-Chief of the Virginia Journal of International Law. He is also the author of a book on policymaking in the Bush White House and numerous law review and op-ed articles.

Francis J. Ricciardone, Jr.

U.S. Ambassador to Egypt

Francis J. Ricciardone, Jr. has served as U.S. Ambassador to Egypt since August 30, 2005. He had served previously (2002-05) as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Palau.

Ambassador Ricciardone has extensive service related to Egypt, Turkey, and Iraq. He served previously at the Embassy in Cairo (1986-89), and as Chief of the Civilian Observer Unit of the Multinational Force and Observers in Egypt's Sinai Desert (1989-91). In Turkey, he began his career in Ankara and Adana (1979-81); returned as Political Advisor to the Turkish and American commanders of Operation Provide Comfort at Incirlik Air Base and Northern Iraq (1993); and served as Deputy Chief of Mission and Charge d'Affaires in Ankara (1995-99). In Iraq, he led the organization of the new U.S. Embassy in Baghdad (2004). He also served as the Secretary of State's Special Coordinator for the Transition of Iraq (1999-01), as Deputy Chief of Mission for Baghdad, resident in Amman (1991-93), and as country officer for Iraq (1982-85). In Washington, Mr. Ricciardone has served in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research as analyst for Turkey and Cyprus, and in senior management positions under the Director General of the Foreign Service and Human Resources. He has won high awards for policy and program management and for political reporting.

Mr. Ricciardone was born in Boston and graduated from Malden Catholic High School. Upon graduation summa cum laude from Dartmouth College in 1973, he received a Fulbright Scholarship for teaching and study in Italy, and later taught school in Iran. His wife, Dr. Marie Ricciardone, is a molecular biologist. They have two grown daughters.

Mr. Ricciardone speaks Arabic, Italian, Turkish, and French.