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# New Members Tapped to Serve on Western PA District Export Council

*Sixteen PA business leaders appointed by U.S. Secretary of Commerce to serve*

Pittsburgh – U.S. Department of Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker appointed 16 business leaders to serve a four-year term on the Western Pennsylvania District Export Council (WPADEC). The WPADEC is one of 59 DEC's across the United States, with members representing a wide range of manufacturing and service sectors. The DEC's mission is to facilitate the development of an effective local export assistance network, support the expansion of export opportunities for U.S. companies, and serve as a communication link between the business community and the U.S. Commercial Service of the Department of Commerce.

Newly appointed four-year term WPADEC are:

- Lou Boltik, Director, Corporate Communications, Joy Global
- Jim Burd, President & CEO, Preservation Technologies
- Andrea Caralis, Senior Associate Foreign Exchange, PNC Bank, PNC Capital Markets
- Lori Joint, Director of Government Affairs, Manufactures & Business Association
- Kevin Jones, President & CEO, Cardinal Resources LLC
- Tim Jones, Managing Director, Corporate Sales, FedEx Services Inc.
- Mark Reginelli, Director of World trade, 84 Lumber

Existing WPADEC members who received re-appointment to serve another four-year term are:

- Dan Adams, UPS
- Gary Carver, Carver International
- Lalit Chordia, President & CEO, Thar Technologies
- Susanne Cook, Director & Chair International Business Group, Cohen & Grigsby
- Les Dutka, President, Echo International
- Ena Garay, Director International Sales, Zippo
- Tom Maxwell, President, Die Quip
- Richard Somiari, President & Chief Scientific Officer, ITSI Bioscience
- Chuck Watson, President, R.L. Swearer

“We welcome these new and re-appointed members as they represent a select group of pro-export dedicated professionals that will positively impact the local business community while also lending assistance to our local U.S. Commercial Service office on export development issues” said Gary Carver, Chair of the WPADEC. “We are so pleased to have these talented individuals, representing successful PA companies serve on our District Export Council.”

“We are very happy to welcome a new WPADEC members to aid in the promotion of U.S. exports,” added Lyn Doverspike Director of the Pittsburgh U.S. Commercial Service office and executive secretary for the WPADEC. “Pennsylvania has long been a top 10 exporting state and Western Pennsylvania has accounted for approximately 36% of the state’s exports. We are very happy to be working with the District Export Council to increase that percentage further”

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District Export Councils (DEC) are organizations of business leaders from local communities, appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, whose knowledge of and expertise in international business provides a source of professional advice for their region's local firms. Closely affiliated with the U.S. Commercial Service, the 59 DEC's across the country support the U.S. Government's export promotion efforts. Currently there are approximately 1,500 DEC members who volunteer their time and specialized expertise to assist small and medium-sized businesses in their local communities establish or increase export sales, thus promoting our country's economic growth and creating new and higher-paying jobs for their communities. For information on the District Export Council, please visit [www.districtexportcouncil.com](http://www.districtexportcouncil.com)