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Secretary of State Hope Andrade
As Texas Secretary of State, allow me to welcome you to the capital city of our great state. Since 1839 when it was named the capital of the Republic of Texas, Austin has played host to lawmakers from around the Lone Star State. In fact, the city was named after Texas' first Secretary of State.

Since then, Austin has fast become the fourth-largest city in Texas and is a wondrous mix of cultures, ethnicities, great food and good businesses. It’s no surprise that Austin has been named one of the best American cities in which to live and work.

I am pleased to welcome you to this great city. As you bring your international perspective to this event, I hope you know leaving that Austin, like the rest of Texas, is a great place to do business and to be successful. Enjoy your time here…I know I do.

Tavo Hellmund
Chairman Formula 1 United States
Reared for most of his life in Austin, Texas, Tavo Hellmund has built a reputation as a winner and fierce competitor on and off the racetrack. His record as a winning race car driver in NASCAR, FIA and SCCA sanctioned events, both domestically and internationally, have enabled him to develop a successful career as a race promoter and major special events producer.

Michelle Valles
Michelle Valles is an award-winning broadcast journalist with 13 years experience as an evening news anchor and reporter in the Austin and El Paso markets. She helped launch Austin's first-ever lifestyle show as the co-host of Austin Live, and is currently pursuing an acting career.

Michelle Valles
Mistress of Ceremonies

Tavo Hellmund
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Brenda Hall
Camino Real District Export Council

Bobby Jenkins
Chair, Austin Chamber of Commerce

Monica Benoit-Beatty
International Hospitality Council of Austin

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Welcome

Presentation of the Consular Corps

Introduction of Honoraries

Welcome Remarks

Welcome and Toast to the Consular Corps

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Keynote Speech

Award Presentations

Export Awards

- Small Business Category
- Medium Business Category
- Large Business Category

Special Foreign Direct Investment Award

Presented to Catherine Morse

General Counsel, Samsung Austin Semiconductor

Joe W. Neal Award

Presented to Thomas Conry, JETRO

Scholarship Awards

- Cleo Seeligter Scholarship
- Joe W. Neal Scholarship

Closing Remarks

Please join us for a Dessert Reception in the Driskill Ballroom immediately following the program featuring music by the Marshall Ford Swing Band.

- Austin Chamber of Commerce
- Export Awards Nominees
- Silent Auction in the Maximilian Room and the Hogg Parlor. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Japan Relief Fund and IHCA Scholarship Fund.

Export Awards Committee
The District Export Councils contribute leadership and international trade expertise to complement the U.S. Commercial Service’s export promotion efforts through counseling businesses on the exporting process and conducting trade education and community outreach.

Douglas Woodull
Director of Sales, MagnaChip Semiconductor Chair, Camino Real District Export Council

Brenda Hall
CEO, Bridge 360 Past Chair, Camino Real District Export Council

Jerry Mitchell
Adjunct Professor, Austin Community College Past Chair, Camino Real District Export Council

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