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**Director of the Indiana Trade Office in Mexico
will discuss trade opportunities for southern Indiana**

Victor Aguilar, director of the Indiana Trade Office in Mexico, will discuss current topics concerning trade with Mexico at a luncheon and presentation from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 17, in Carter Hall, University Center, University of Southern Indiana. SIGECO, Old National Bank, Vision 2000, USI, Tri-State World Trade Council, and Indiana Department of Commerce are sponsoring the event.

Aguilar will address the future of the Mexican economy, Indiana and Mexico trade, opportunities under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), culture, legal issues, regulations and taxes in Mexico, and other topics relevant to the topic.

A panel discussion by local business executives will follow Aguilar's presentation. The panel will consist of Mr. Edward Wickman, owner and president of Wickman Worldwide Services; Mr. Robert Hostettler, international sales executive at Red Spot Paint and Varnish Company, Inc.; and Mr. Antonio Carrillo, production manager at Azteca Milling Company.

The agenda follows.

11 a.m. - noon - lunch
noon - 12:15 p.m. - break
12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. - Victor Aguilar
1:45 p.m. - 2 p.m. - break
2 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. - panel discussion
3:15 - 3:30 - questions

Reservation deadline is Monday, February 14. For reservations call USI Extended Services, 812/464-1864, fax 812/465-7061, or email extserv@usi.edu.