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**Development Officer for Ports of Indiana to be featured speaker
for Tri-State World Trade Council luncheon at USI on June 20**

Scott Sigman, chief planning and business development officer for Ports of Indiana, will outline current Indiana port facilities and explain the transport and logistics chains for international freight through Indiana's public port system at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 20 at University of Southern Indiana. The program will be held in Charter Hall C of the University Center.

Sigman will review operations at the Southwind Maritime Centre in Mount Vernon and at the ports in Jeffersonville and Portage, Indiana. He will offer his experienced perspective on what improving commercial efficiencies in international trade means to manufacturers and service companies with operations in the Tri-State area.

Indiana's public port system operates a statewide system of three public ports through two waterways. Indiana's International Port on Lake Michigan near Portage is a deepwater port. Goods shipped through Indiana's International Port go out through the Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Seaway. Southwind Maritime Centre at Mt. Vernon and Clark Maritime Centre at Jeffersonville, both on the Ohio River, are links to the nation's waterway system.

The program, sponsored by the Tri State World Trade Council, includes lunch. The cost to council member is \$10 through June 17; \$15 at the door. Cost to non-members is \$15 by June 17, and \$20 at the door.

Persons can register by telephone (812/464-1864), fax (812/465-7061) or e-mail extserv@usi.edu using a credit card or authority to invoice an organization. Information needed is name, telephone, organization, mailing address, and number of reservations.

Corporate sponsors for the program are Fifth Third Bank, Mead Johnson Nutritionals, and Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana.

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