



# Canadian/American Border Trade Alliance

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## **U.S. CUSTOMS and BORDER PROTECTION**

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CBP has 60,000 employees and a budget of \$12.5 Billion.

CBP has a dual Mission responsibility of Security and Expediting Legitimate Economic Activity

CBP Mission is integral to U.S. Economic Security.

CBP enforces for 50 Federal Agencies.

CBP is focused on Trade Transformation streamlining and modernizing.

Highlighted: ACE; Single Window; E Bond with 13 second response versus 5 days with past practice; Trusted Trader must insure meaningful benefits; Cargo Security ACS partnership developed; Centers of Excellence and Expertise consolidating and focusing effort.

COAC is invaluable. Stressed the tremendous improvement in interagency cooperation that is now “top of mind” CBP has an established effective Working Group with FDA that is very active and is working closely with the Consumer Product Safety Commission. CBP must reduce barriers to Trade. Stressed the very active CBP involvement in the World Customs Organization involving 178 countries and the importance of Mutual Recognition agreements.

CBP needs to reflect the realities of how Business operates successfully. CBP must be agile and flexible.

Discussed: Trade Enforcement and preventing counterfeit goods; identifying and preventing use of fraudulent documents; highlighted the use of facial recognition at Dulles airport; and the absolute importance of using effective Risk Management.

Highlighted the signing of the transformative Canada-US Pre-clearance Agreement and the close and effective working relationship of CBP and CBSA.

Jim Phillips.