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National Center for APEC Applauds Administration's Decision to Name San Francisco, California as Host City of the 3rd Senior Officials' and Related Meetings in 2011

Washington, DC (September 14, 2010) – The APEC 2011 USA Host Committee today applauded the Administration's selection of San Francisco, California as the host city for the 3rd Senior Officials' and Related Meetings in 2011. "The APEC 2011 USA Host Committee looks forward to working with the City of San Francisco, the Government of California as well as the business leaders from the San Francisco Bay Area that have worked tirelessly to create a constituency for APEC in the State of California." said Monica Whaley, President of the U.S. National Center for Asia-Pacific Cooperation, lead organization for the APEC 2011 USA Host Committee. "Our close collaboration with all of these groups will provide high quality opportunities for the private sector to engage with the APEC Senior Officials, and ensure the successful hosting of APEC in 2011."

APEC 2011 will be used to continue the advancement of the Asia-Pacific trade agenda and is a key element to strengthening the economic recovery here in the U.S. The 3rd Senior Officials' Meeting in San Francisco will be one of the most important events in the 2011 APEC calendar, laying the foundation for the APEC Ministerial and Leaders' Meetings, which will be held in Honolulu, HI in November, 2011. The San Francisco meetings will include the Senior Officials' Meeting, a high-level joint meeting of energy and transportation officials, working group and committee meetings on a range of APEC issues, as well as a series of public-private workshops that will engage senior government and private sector leaders.

About the APEC 2011 USA Host Committee

The APEC 2011 USA Host Committee's mission is to advance the US business agenda in the Asia Pacific region by creating high quality opportunities for private sector engagement during the US hosting of APEC 2011. The Host Committee will design, organize and execute the US APEC CEO Summit held in Honolulu in November; develop and participate in industry-driven events held in the United States throughout 2011 to coincide with Ministerial Meetings; and conduct education/outreach programs in coordination with USG and partner organizations focusing on the economic policy community as well as small and medium sized businesses and the general public.