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TO THE ATTENTION OF INTERESTED AGRICULTURAL FARMS & FIRMS:

Dear Ms. / Mr. President / General Director,

The U.S. Embassies in Romania, Bulgaria and Moldova organize a Joint Agri-Business Delegation to California at World Ag Expo 2014 from February 8th through 16th, 2014.

The delegation timing was selected to enable visits at a major U.S. agri-business event, agricultural field trips and meetings with a large Romanian Community in America:

- February 8-10, 2014: Romanian Community in Los Angeles, California
- February 10-13, 2014: World Ag Expo, Tulare, California
- February 14-16, 2014: Visits to grains and livestock farms and San Francisco

In order to meet the registration deadlines for these events, we are kindly inviting prospective delegates to confirm to us their interest by <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 31, 2013</u>.

World Ag Expo 2014 is an international open air trade show featuring 1,400 exhibitors on a space of more than 232,000 square meters. Various products will be exhibited: agricultural equipment for grains and livestock farms, farming machinery and spare parts, silos, irrigation systems, greenhouses, dairy industry equipment and agricultural inputs: seeds, fertilizers etc.

Our delegation to World Ag Expo will:

- meet with American manufacturers and exporters of these products
- see the latest technologies, methods, and innovations in agriculture
- attend technical demonstrations of agricultural machinery and equipment, and educational programs on the agri-business industry
- participate in exclusive visits to local California agricultural farms with parks of agricultural machinery and silos, as well as optional Californian wine-tasting tours

Details on **benefits to attend our delegation**, **travel logistics and contact persons** are attached. We thank you for considering this opportunity and hope you join us in the U.S.!

Sincerely,

Katja Kravetsky Deputy Commercial Counselor American Embassy in Romania

BENEFITS FOR DELEGATES:

We will assist Romanian, Bulgarian and Moldovan agri-business participants as follows:

- Admission to the events and official instructions to visit exhibitors
- Commercial & Economic Specialists' diplomatic assistance from U.S. Embassies
- Identification of and introduction to potential U.S. partners based on each delegate's goals
- Access to Tulare International Trade Center: business meeting rooms with internet access
- Interpretation services for English language assistance
- Participation in accompanied visits to U.S. companies & farms to exchange best practices

TRAVEL LOGISTICS:

Delegates are responsible for their own travel arrangements and costs, including appropriate travel documents (passports and visas). We organized a competition of three travel packages from the U.S. We are pleased to introduce our delegates to the best selected U.S. tour-operator based in Glendale, California Dream Tour International offering a competitive package of travel services at a special rate exclusively to our delegates based on the attached travel itinerary.

NOTE ABOUT U.S. VISA:

We wish to remind you that all procedures related to individual visa applications are the responsibility of each delegate. Likewise, participation in our joint Agri-Business

Delegation has no influence or bearing on a visa decision rendered by Consular Officers of the U.S. Embassies in Bucharest - Romania, Sofia - Bulgaria or Chisinau - Republic of Moldova.

JOIN US! To secure your participation in our delegation, please contact:

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Pictures of last year's Agri-Business Delegation of the U.S. Embassies in Romania & Moldova to California and World Ag Expo 2013 can be seen at the following web-page:

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