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**SANDRA PUPATELLO SPEAKS TO THE DELEGATES AT THE MICHIGAN FOOD &  
AGRICULTURE BORDER GATEWAY SUMMIT  
ABOUT DOING BUSINESS FROM WINDSOR-ESSEX**

**Windsor-Essex County, Ontario**, - Thursday, February 20, 2014 – Sandra Pupatello, CEO of the WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation was invited to speak to delegates attending Michigan's Food & Agriculture Border Gateway Summit being held today in Livonia, Michigan.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Canadian Consulate and the Global Food Protection Institute are hosting this one-day seminar focusing on the international border issues facing the food and agriculture sector. Attendees and participants include U.S. and Canadian businesses and agencies involved with various components of producing, selling, transporting, and protecting food and agriculture.

**Sandra Pupatello, CEO of the WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation stated**, "With a conference focus on security and negotiating easier border access, we hope to highlight the ease with which the agriculture sector can do business from Windsor. With our cost structure making us very competitive, the dollar value and the upcoming EU agreement that Canada has with Europe gives us a leg up for business!"

Other speakers joining Sandra Pupatello today included: Jamie Clover Adams, Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development; Roy Norton, Consul General of Canada; Glenn Bass, Detroit District Director, Food & Drug Administration; Coleen Barnes, Canadian Food Inspection Agency and an Importer /Exporter panel with representatives from the US and Canada such as: Daniel Ujczko, Dickinson Wright; Laurie Tannous, Russell Farrow and Neil Woelke, Kozik Woelks.

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