# WORLD SERVICES CONGRESS I

**Services Will Dominate the 21st Century Global Economy** 

## Hyatt Regency Atlanta, Georgia November 1-3, 1999

The overriding objective of the World Services Congress is to create a heightened awareness of the commanding role of services in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century economy.

- The Congress will draw leaders from government, business, academia, foundations, and international organizations to discuss the most important issues affecting service sector growth, jobs, trade and investment, and location of service activity.
- The Congress will serve as a catalyst for policy recommendations that will contribute to the development of global markets for services in an unstable financial environment.
- The Congress will be a forum where businessmen can share their know-how on obtaining and expanding access to important markets, in both developing and advanced economies.
- The Congress will help companies design strategies to market services to governments.
- The Congress will attract the largest assembly yet of leading academic specialists to analyze the aforementioned services issues and other pertinent topics.

### **Exhibition**

Running concurrently with the Congress will be the official trade show. More than 150 exhibitors are expected to showcase the latest state-of-the-art technology, products, and developments designed to enhance the delivery of services. If you are interested in exhibiting, please contact Jennifer Cenedella at 703-706-8248; E-mail: jcenedella @ntpshow.com.

### **Satellite Meetings Welcome**

Professional and academic societies, trade associations, corporate groups, and international organizations are invited to plan committee and working group meetings in connection with (or in parallel with) the World Congress. A special Congress liaison office will be set up to assist sponsors in making arrangements for these meetings

### Call for Papers

The Congress Academic Committee, chaired by Professor Robert M. Stern, of the University of Michigan's Department of Economics, invites all interested parties to submit abstracts of between 500 to 750 words, on any of the illustrative list of topics to be considered for presentation and publication at the Congress. Please refer to the topics listed below.

A separate Call for Papers will be issued shortly. For information on submitting a paper, please contact the CSI web site: www.uscsi.org and go to the "World Services Congress" page where you will find complete information about submitting your abstract on-line. You may also contact Bonnie Jessup at CSI; E-mail: <a href="mailto:jessup@uscsi.org">jessup@uscsi.org</a>.

### **Topics to be considered in the Call for Papers**

This list is illustrative of the range of topics on which proposals for papers may be submitted.

### • Sectoral Issues

Professional Services and Accreditation

Retail and Wholesale Distribution

Entertainment and Leisure Industries

Financial Services

**Insurance Services** 

Telecommunications

**Information Technology Services** 

Transportation

Energy and Environmental Services

Health and Related Services

Case Studies of the Effects of Liberalization in Given Sectors

### Assessing the WTO General Agreement on Trade in Services / Preparing for Services 2000

The Impact of Regional Agreements on the GATS

Issues of Transparency

Services and Subsidies

Government Procurement of Services

Assessing the GATS and the Sectoral Agreements Reached to Date

Dispute Settlement Procedure in the GATS

Overhauling the GATS "Architecture"

What is the Most Efficient/Effective Structure for Future Services Negotiations?

Should Services Negotiations be Linked with Other WTO Negotiations?

Expanding Cross Border Services (Mode II Supply of Services)

Moving Beyond Standstill Agreements to Achieve New Liberalization

Impact of Financial Market Instability on Market Liberalization

Capital Controls and Financial Market Liberalization

Negotiating Priorities for Developing Countries

Integrating Comprehensive Investment and Rules in the WTO

Services and the WTO Trade Policy Review Mechanism

Alternative Approaches to Services Liberalization

### • Classification, Measurement and Economic Analysis of Service Sector Activity

Measuring and Forecasting Domestic Services Production

Measuring and Forecasting Trade and Foreign Direct Investment in Services

Methodologies for Data Collection in Services Industries

Measuring Services Productivity

Classification System for Service Industries

Measurement and Modeling of Barriers to Trade and FDI in Services

Outsourcing and the location of Services Activities

### • Regulation of Service Industries

Private Sector Self-Regulation vs. Government Intervention

**Economically Efficient Regulation** 

Harmonizing Prudential Regulation for Financial Services

Harmonization of National Regulatory Regimes by Sector

Mutual Recognition Agreements and Services Liberalization

Negotiating "Pro-Competitive" Regulatory Systems

Effect of the Pro-Competitive Regulatory Principles in Basic Telecommunications

#### Services and Economic Growth

Services Infrastructure and Export Performance Services and the Business Cycle Service Sector's Contribution to Developing Economies

#### Labor and Services

Services and Job Creation: The Record "Personal Service" and "Knowledge-Worker" Jobs Skills Necessary for Service Economies Government's Role in Worker Training International Labor Mobility

#### • Electronic Commerce

Choice of Laws/Jurisdiction in Consumer Electronic Commerce Creating Trust in Business to Consumer Electronics Transactions Personal Privacy in Electronic Transactions The Role of the WTO in Electronic Commerce Taxation of Electronic Transactions

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