

Persian Gulf: US Policy + Free Trade Agreements = Opportunities for US Companies
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I attended World Trade Center Wisconsin's 7th Annual Trade Policy Conference in Milwaukee. This year's topic was "Persian Gulf: US Policy + Free Trade Agreements = Opportunities for US Companies." While the bulk of the conference involved traditional business opportunities, international studies and student visas were also discussed. Guest speaker U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan specifically mentioned the need to streamline the student visa approval process in his prepared remarks. And in his remarks, Dr. Naser Al Belooshi, Bahrain's Ambassador to the U.S., stated that he wished more universities would send recruiters to Bahrain. More information on the conference is available at the WTC Wisconsin website at <http://www.wistrade.org/Home.asp>.