

CHAMBER DAY 2026

Illinois & The Provinces A Deep Dive into Cross-Border Economic Collaboration

April 15, 2026 | 2:00 – 3:30 PM | Springfield, Illinois



The Illinois Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with the Consulate General of Canada and the provincial offices of Quebec, Alberta, and Ontario, presents a focused discussion on one of Illinois' most important trade relationships—an integrated economic corridor exceeding \$92 billion in annual two-way trade.

PROGRAM AGENDA

2:00 – 2:05 PM | Welcome & Opening – Laura Ortega, Exec. Director International Business Council, ILCC

2:05 – 2:15 PM | Opening Remarks – Jimmy Clayton, President & CEO, ILCC

2:15 – 2:25 PM | Introducing the Discussion – Moderator: Peter Steinmeyer, Exec. Board Member, ILCC

2:25 – 2:45 PM | Provincial Perspectives:

- **Jean-François Hould, Delegate of the Québec Government Office in Chicago**
- **Earl Provost, Ontario Agent-General in Chicago**
- **Bin Lau, Midwest Director of the Government of Alberta**

2:45 – 3:10 PM | Moderated Panel Discussion

3:10 – 3:30 PM | Audience Q&A

AUDIENCE

Corporate leaders from Illinois Chamber's Government Affairs Committee and member companies with cross-border operations, Illinois legislators, and institutional stakeholders.

CALL TO ACTION

Explore a joint resolution or Illinois Chamber communication affirming support for the Illinois-Canada Economic Corridor and shared business priorities.

Post-Program: 5:00 PM Networking Reception with ILCC Board (Hotel)