



Meeting Notice

Mark your Calendars & Bring an Interested Colleague!

Dear International Trade Professionals, Retirees and Students interested in the Charleston Women in International Trade organization,

Please join us for our September 2003 meeting! Details are as follows:

Topic: Foreign Trade Zones A to Z

When: Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Invited Speaker: Donnie Bailey Barnes

Biography: Donnie Barnes is Customs Manager for BMW Manufacturing Corp., BMW of North America, LLC, and Rolls-Royce Motor Cars NA, LLC. She is responsible for compliance with all U.S. Customs laws and regulations for all three companies. Her responsibilities include the operation and oversight of daily activities for three vehicle preparation centers, four parts distribution centers, and the manufacturing facility as well as special programs such as the foreign-trade zones, drawback, C-TPAT, Importer Self-Assessment, etc. Earlier in her career, Mrs. Barnes served as Director of Property Development with the Columbia Metropolitan Airport in Columbia, South Carolina, where she was responsible for developing FTZ 127 from "an idea and a grassy field" to an activated and operational zone. She also operated the Centralized Examination Station (CES) for Customs' examination of cargo passing through the Columbia Port of Entry. Prior to joining BMW, she served as FTZ Administrator for Automotive Electronic Control Systems, Inc., a division of Robert Bosch Corporation, operating in FTZ 127A. In that capacity, she developed the zone through system analysis, writing the original concept for the zone processing system, and then translating the concept into a dedicated FTZ inventory system, through actual operations of the zone after activation...(full bio attached).

Where: Radisson Hotel
5991 Rivers Avenue
N Charleston, SC

Time: 11:45 am – 1:30pm

Lunch: Lunch will be available: **\$20.00 Members/\$25.00 Non-Members**
Please make checks payable to: CWIT

**Please RSVP to Dagny Dogger with Argents Express Group at ddogger@argents.com
or call 843-327-4450 NO LATER THAN Thursday September 4th**

If there is a cancellation after the 'RSVP by' date, you will be billed for the luncheon cost.

Our mission is to enhance the status of women who work in the field of international trade by presenting educational and networking events to benefit our common goals. These opportunities will be provided with a series of luncheons and seminars. CWIT membership is not restricted by gender or current job description: men, students and retirees are welcome to apply. The only criterion is that you have an interest in international trade and its promotion for Charleston and the state of South Carolina.