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## Lt. Governor Guadagno Announces National Recognition for Work with NJ Companies to Increase U.S. Exports

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**Trenton, NJ** - Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno announced the New Jersey Office of International Business Development & Protocol, within the Business Action Center, Department of State, was presented with the President's "E Star" Award for Export services by U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross today at a ceremony in Washington D.C.

The "E" Award Program was established in 1961 by President Kennedy's Executive Order #10978. Subsequently, in 1969, the "E Star" Award was authorized and recognizes "E" Award winners for continued efforts in export expansion.

"The exporting success of the companies we work with is crucial because it compounds throughout the network of firms and organizations supporting them," said Lt. Governor Guadagno. "As a result, every day we see increased growth of New Jersey's international businesses as they add jobs and support their local communities."

The Office of International Business Development & Protocol works with New Jersey businesses to provide a range of Export Promotion services such as identifying overseas buyers and researching new international markets for New Jersey-made products or services.

"The State of New Jersey Office of International Business Development and Protocol has demonstrated a sustained commitment to export expansion," wrote Secretary Ross in his congratulatory letter.

### Business Action Center

Led by Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, the Business Action Center provides the business community with a single point of contact, applying a proactive and customer-service approach to businesses' interactions with State government. Created within the Department of State's Business Action Center (BAC) in 2012, The Office of International Business Development and Protocol's mission is to assist New Jersey companies with export opportunities. It is also responsible for managing all aspects of export promotion activities, and establishing and maintaining positive working relationships with the foreign business investment community. Businesses interested in applying for NJ STEP or in need of assistance are encouraged to call New Jersey's Business Action Center at 866.534.7789 or visit the State's Business Portal at [www.newjerseybusiness.gov](http://www.newjerseybusiness.gov)

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