

MIAMI, FL, October 02, 2013 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- The vibrant and diverse cultures of Latin America and the Caribbean take center stage at the World Trade Center Miami's 17th Americas Food and Beverage Show (www.americafoodandbeverage.com

) Oct. 28 and 29 with more than 500 top food producers from 23 countries, each showcasing their top products, recipes and delicacies.

The 17th Americas Food and Beverage Show at the Miami Beach Convention Center is the largest specialty food trade event in the Western Hemisphere and is expected to generate more than \$200 million in actual and projected sales. The show generated \$190 million in sales in 2012 and attracted 9,500 buyers to the two-day show.

"By all accounts, this will be the most successful event in show history. We expect more than 10,000 people to visit the show and pursue trade opportunities with local companies and businesses throughout the Americas," said Charlotte Gallogly, president of the World Trade Center Miami.

The 17th Americas Food and Beverage Show will feature more than 500 booths filled with specialty products from every corner of the globe, including country pavilions representing Algeria; Argentina; Bolivia; Brazil; Brazil/Goiás; Canada/Atlantic Canada; Colombia; Ecuador; Peru; South Korea; Thailand; Turkey; and the United States.

The show also features the VIII Annual Chefs Competition featuring international teams competing for cash prizes and the title of "Best Chef of the Americas". Visitors will also be able to take advantage of two days of business seminars geared to restaurants and food retailers.

2012 Americas Food and Beverage Show Numbers to Date (2011 Stats)- 471 booths (388 booths)- 385 exhibitors (365 exhibitors: 246 U.S. companies, 139 foreign-based companies)- \$192 million expected sales (\$135 million in actual sales)- 9,530+ buyers or small business representatives (7,041, 28% from abroad)The Americas Food and Beverage is a trade-only event that is closed to the general public. Attendee registration and media is open at www.americafoodandbeverage.com

About the World Trade Center Miami The World Trade Center Miami is a member of the World Trade Centers Association, which is the preeminent global trade organization promoting

two-way trade. There are 335 World Trade Centers located in 110 countries with a total membership of 2 million corporate members and associates. In the Western Hemisphere, there are more than 50 World Trade Centers either in operation or in the planning and/or construction state.

About the Americas Food & Beverage Show More than 500 exhibitors will showcase products from the following: Algeria; Argentina; Bolivia; Brazil; Brazil Goias; Canada/Atlantic; Canada/Manitoba; China; Colombia; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; France; Honduras; Italy; Nicaragua; Panama; Peru; Singapore; South Korea; Spain/Catalonia; Thailand; Turkey; and the United States. The 17th Americas Food and Beverage Show is sponsored by American Airlines, USDA, NASDA, and the World Trade Center Miami.