

MEDIA ADVISORY

**Thursday, March 23 Session of NCTO Annual Meeting Open to Media
Includes 2017 State of the U.S. Textile Industry Speech, Four Policy Presentations**

March 20, 2017

WASHINGTON, DC – The Thursday, March 23 session of the National Council of Textile Organizations (NCTO) annual meeting in Washington, DC is open to the media. It begins at 8:30 AM.

It features the 2017 State of the U.S. Textile Industry speech, and policy presentations on workforce, energy, tax reform, and buy America/infrastructure issues respectively.

Question and answer sessions will be open to NCTO members only; but as has been the case at previous annual meetings, NCTO officers will be available for media scrums as time permits.

March 23 Schedule of Events:

- **8:30 – State of the U.S. Textile Industry**
Rob Chapman, NCTO Chairman
Chairman and CEO – Inman Mills – Inman, SC
- **9:00 – “Workforce Challenges Facing the U.S. Textile Sector”**
David Hinks, Dean, College of Textiles, N.C. State University
- **9:45 – “Current State of U.S. Energy Policy”**
Kevin Leahy, Environmental and Energy Policy Director, Duke Energy
- 10:30 Break
- **10:45 – “The Outlook for Tax Reform in 2017”**
Carolyn Lee, Senior Director of Tax Policy, National Association of Manufacturers
- **11:30 – “Buy American and U.S. Infrastructure Panel”**
Nora Todd, Office of U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown of Ohio
Tyler Rushforth, Former Counsel for Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

➤ 12:15 P.M. – Installation of 2017 NCTO Chairman & Closing Remarks

Rob Chapman, 2016 NCTO Chairman

Bill McCrary, 2016 NCTO Vice Chairman (Incoming 2017 Chairman)
Chairman & CEO, William Barnet & Son LLC, Spartanburg, SC

Event Details:

- DATE: Thursday, March 23
- TIME: 8:30 AM ET
- PLACE: The Capital Hilton

- ROOM: Congressional
- ADDRESS: 1001 16th ST NW
- CITY: Washington, DC

RSVPs for both events are strongly encouraged because seating is limited. Attendees may RSVP by emailing NCTO's Lloyd Wood at lwood@ncto.org.

NCTO is a Washington, DC-based trade association that represents domestic textile manufacturers.

- U.S. employment in the textile supply chain was 565,000 in 2016.
- The value of shipments for U.S. textiles and apparel was \$74.4 billion last year, a nearly 11% increase since 2009.
- U.S. exports of fiber, textiles and apparel were \$26.3 billion in 2016.
- Capital expenditures for textile and apparel production totaled \$2 billion in 2015, the last year for which data is available.

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