

Closing (Regency Ballroom)
Charles J. Hall, Acting Chairman and President
Export-Import Bank of the United States

Charles Hall: Great, well that actually, with that happy event of our award ceremony that really concludes the program for this year's annual conference. I want to thank you again very much for coming, for joining us at the conference, and again, I hope you found it interesting and useful. I certainly did.

We have a few announcements before we wrap things up. The first thing is that you've probably seen some information on the monitors and shared throughout the conference announcing our newest initiative, which is called the EXIM Alliance Program. As Jay Timmons mentioned yesterday, support from our stakeholders is paramount in leveling the playing field for US exporters. The EXIM Alliance Program will connect key stakeholders more closely with the bank. Through the program we will work with these stakeholder groups to connect their members with the tools needed to compete in the global marketplace. Eligible groups include trade associations, industry groups, media groups and think tanks.

EXIM Alliance Program members can participate in EXIM bank events, round table discussions, webinars and training sessions at no cost. There will be more information about this new initiative on our website and if it sounds interesting and appropriate for you please check it out on the website and there will be people at the bank who can provide answers to any questions you might have.

Also we will be, as we have in previous years, we will be asking for feedback from this year's conference. An example of feedback we've had before was asking for more time for networking and private meetings. I think we've accommodated that to a greater extent this year than we have in previous years, so I hope that's been helpful. You will all be receiving an email sometime in the next few days asking you to give us that feedback. There's a survey in it that shouldn't take more than 10 or 12 minutes to fill out so we would appreciate any feedback you can give us so that we can make next year's conference even better.

As the slide up says, those dates have been fixed, April 19th and 20th of 2018, so I hope that we will see all of you here a year from now to celebrate the 2018 annual conference. With that, thank you very much again for your participation. It's that participation which makes the conference interesting and useful to all of us, and I appreciate that very much, along with the entire staff at EXIM Bank. Thank you very much and the conference is now closed. Thank you.