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## **105-Member Saudi Trade Delegation Travels to Houston to Meet with American Companies in Oil & Gas Sector**

U.S. Embassy, Riyadh -- A105-member Saudi Trade Mission, sponsored by the U.S. Commercial Service at U.S. Embassy, Riyadh, traveled to the U.S. today for a 5-day visit aimed at building stronger commercial ties between Saudi Arabia and the United States. During his visit to Houston, Ambassador Smith will also speak at Saudi Aramco's 2013 Supplier Conference: Saudi Aramco's Gateway to New Frontiers.

Ambassador James Smith is leading the Saudi delegation. The mission is designed to share practical experiences, knowledge and ideas on the latest oil and gas industry trends in addition to challenges facing the oil and gas sectors in Saudi Arabia and the U.S. As part of this visit, Saudi delegates will attend oil and gas industry's leading trade show Offshore Technology Conference in Houston, TX. The trade show and conference will feature insightful discussions and networking exchanges with the oil and gas sector's leading companies. Saudi delegates will have the opportunity to network and exchange views with American experts about the technologies and trends on the forefront of the oil and gas industry's future including environmental issues, fossil technologies, drilling technologies, etc.

The U.S. Department of Commerce staff will organize meetings between Saudi participants and their American counterparts as well as networking sessions with U.S. companies during the 5-day visit. U.S. Embassy Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs Amer Kayani said that "this year we are collaborating with the U.S.-Saudi Business Council as well as Saudi Aramco to organize Procurement Seminars and networking events for Saudi delegates that would allow them to meet with key industry leader in the U.S."

For the remainder of 2013, the U.S. Embassy plans to organize 13 additional trade missions in diverse sectors including apparel, power generation, water, energy, mining, construction, communications, safety, and medical services. Saudi businessmen and businesswomen interested in joining these missions should contact the Commercial Section at the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh.