Faculty Development Opportunity --- Trade Mission Trip to Brazil

The Walton College Global Engagement Office (GEO) is accepting applications for cost-share funding for a faculty member to participate in the World Trade Center – Arkansas trade mission to Sao Paolo, Brazil (October 9-14). This trip also includes participation in the annual General Assembly of World Trade Centers. The expectation is that this funding and activity will result in a tangible outcome that enhances the Walton College global initiative (e.g. enhancing the international content of an existing course; benefits to an existing research project, etc.). We will also be funding one graduate and one undergraduate student.

The faculty member and students will shadow businesses during their meetings with Brazilian firms and will participate in the sessions and networking events of the General Assembly of World Trade Centers. This is an opportunity to observe international trade activities first hand in an important emerging economy. Further information is available at the attached invitation or contact Susan Anders in the GEO (sanders@walton.uark.edu or 575-4765).

The expected cost of travel expenses (air fare, hotel, and per diem) as well as the registration fee for the General Assembly of World Trade Centers is about $4700. The GEO can cost-share $1,000 of this amount.

This opportunity developed recently, so the time frame for faculty applications is short – apply by August 31, 2011.

To apply, should submit the following the Global Engagement Office by August 31st:

1. A statement which describes how you will use this faculty development opportunity to benefit the Walton College global initiative (e.g. enhancing the international content of an existing course; benefits to an existing research project, etc.).
2. An endorsement from your department chair -- this can be an e-mail to Susan Anders
3. A description of the sources and other amounts of funding for the trip.

The faculty member selected is expected to submit a brief report of outcomes to the GEO, no later than May 15, 2012, for inclusion in the GEO annual report.