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MISSOURI EXPORTS INCREASE 18 PERCENT IN FIRST QUARTER 2011

St. Louis, MO, May 19, 2011—Missouri exports increased 18 percent in the first quarter of 2011 according to data released today by World Trade Center Saint Louis. The total dollar value of Missouri exports in the first quarter was \$3.4 billion, compared to \$2.9 billion in 2010. Canada, Mexico, China, and Korea continue to top the list of international markets.

“This is a great sign! Missouri export growth in the first quarter of 2011 was on pace with the national average of 18 percent,” said Tim Nowak, executive director at the World Trade Center Saint Louis. “We also continue to see explosive growth for Missouri products in Asian markets with China recording 35 percent export growth and Korea recording 100 percent export growth in the first quarter of 2011.”

The top products exported include: coal, pork, automobiles and chemicals.

“Missouri’s strong export performance in Asia provides the justification that our efforts to establish economic ties with China and the rest of Asia are a home-run strategy for Missouri companies and workers,” said St. Louis County Executive Charlie A. Dooley. “Through the steady and focused efforts of the Midwest-China Hub Commission, World Trade Center Saint Louis, St. Louis County Economic Council and all of our regional partners, Missouri is securing its place as a serious force in the global economy.”

About the World Trade Center Saint Louis

World Trade Center Saint Louis combines local experts with government resources to enhance international trade, promote local economic development and ultimately foster peace and stability through trade. It also guides regional businesses to expand into foreign markets, hosts visiting trade delegations to St. Louis and promotes the region as a place for international trade relations and economic growth. World Trade Center Saint Louis is a division of St. Louis County Economic Council. For more information, visit www.worldtradecenter-stl.com.

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