

Global Transportation and Trade: Next Steps
June 19 through June 21, 2011

The objectives of the Halifax meeting are:

1. To bring academic, business, and policy interests together to benchmark and exchange information about matters relative to the Atlantic Canada and US Midwest supply chain, including research and projects;
2. To connect various stakeholders so that they may identify challenges and research questions that, once addressed, could give direction to the best next steps in Halifax-Michigan project development and research endeavors;
3. To identify ways that conference participants might share/exchange assets, such as skills, knowledge, and contacts to move the trade connection forward;
3. To record and distinguish between the most immediate steps that can be taken and the longer view of what is needed to move the connection between Halifax and Michigan to a level of efficient operation;
4. To build an ongoing communication network among meeting participants who are interested in the Atlantic Canada - USA Midwest trade connection.