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## **Governor Ed Rendell Meets with the Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance and Pennsylvania's Authorized Trade Representatives**

**PITTSTON, PA, April 3, 2009** – The Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance recently hosted industry briefings and one-on-one meetings for regional businesses with Pennsylvania's Authorized Trade Representatives from Australia/New Zealand; Brazil; Canada; Chile; Eastern Mediterranean Region; Saudi Arabia; Shanghai, China and South Africa.

The Trade Representatives also had the opportunity to meet with Governor Ed Rendell to discuss the industry sectors of mining, rail, oil & gas, renewable energy/environmental, technologies and life sciences and their best market activities.



Pictured, standing from left: Jeffrey Box, President & CEO, Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance; Mona Helmy, Saudia Arabia; Richard Zurba, South Africa; Ian Robinson, Brazil; Governor Ed Rendell; Nancy Ward, Canada; Seth Vogelmann, Eastern Mediterranean Region and Wilfred Muskens, Deputy Secretary, Office of International Business Development, PA Department of Community & Economic Development. Seated, from left: Sergio Kalm, Chile; Jim Curtis, Shanghai, China and Susie Christensen, Australia.