



Quotes from Illinois representatives regarding the State's mission to Brazil

"Illinois has a strong and vibrant biotechnology community, including first-rate research institutions, top global companies and many emerging enterprises. The Illinois Science & Technology Coalition is excited to enter into this partnership with BIO-RIO, to increase innovation and collaboration opportunities between Illinois and Brazil across the life science sector to promote research, talent exchange, and new trade and investment opportunities between our respective jurisdictions."

--Mark Harris, President & CEO of the Illinois Science and Technology Coalition

"I'm honored to represent the Illinois Manufacturers' Association and thousands of manufacturing companies on this important trade mission. As a manufacturer, it is critical that we develop new markets for our products around the world. I applaud Governor Quinn for making this a priority and setting an ambitious goal of doubling Illinois exports by 2014."

-- Andrew M. Faville, Vice Chairman, Illinois Manufacturers' Association

"As the representative of the University of Illinois, it is a special honor to be travelling as part of this mission. We have a long, rich and significant connection to Brazil that began with a research mission there in 1904. This is one of the fastest-growing educational and economic engines in the world and this trip is an outstanding opportunity to find ways that our institution can engage with our Brazilian counterparts."

-- Phyllis M. Wise, Vice President, University of Illinois and Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

"Kendall College, as a member of the Laureate International Universities network, emphasizes internationality in its hospitality management, culinary arts and business programs. The signing of the MOU with Universidade Anhembi Morumbi further establishes Kendall College as providing students from around the world – and Brazil in particular – with increased opportunities for study at the leading hospitality management and culinary arts school in Chicago."

--Emily Knight, President, Kendall College

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