

The St. Louis AgriBusiness Club January Meeting Luncheon and Professional Development...

When: **Tuesday, January 13, 2009, Luncheon Meeting & Professional Development**
11:30 a.m. Networking 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Meal and Program

RSVP: By Jan 9th, email your reservation to: stlouisagclub@yahoo.com or call Amy Kolweier, secretary, at (314) 292-2371 to reserve your meal. No-shows will be invoiced.

Speaker: **Thomas J. Erickson, Vice President, Government Affairs, Bunge North America**

Since becoming VP in December, 2002, Mr. Erickson represents the interests of Bunge North America and Bunge Limited in the United States, Canada and Mexico on matters of public policy. Prior to joining Bunge, Tom served as a Commissioner at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, where he was one of five Commissioners responsible for overseeing the U.S. futures and option markets. Mr. Erickson was nominated by President Clinton in February 1999 and confirmed by the Senate to a term which expired in April 2003. A native of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Mr. Erickson received his B.A. degree in Government and International Affairs from Augustana College in 1984 and his Juris Doctor degree from the University of South Dakota School of Law in 1987. Mr. Erickson is a member of the State Bar of South Dakota and of the District of Columbia Bar. After graduating from law school, Mr. Erickson served as Legislative Assistant to the United States Senator Thomas A. Daschle. Prior to joining the CFTC in September 1997 as the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Mr. Erickson served as Assistant to the President/Legal Counsel at the National Grain Trade Council (NGTC). As Legal Counsel to the NGTC, Mr. Erickson represented the grain trade and futures markets on matters of agricultural policy, futures trading, international trade, grain quality, and tax issues.

Program: **"Policy Outlook for Agriculture as the Political Dynamics Begin to Change"**



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Where: Plaza I & II rooms, Doubletree Hotel at Westport, 1973 Craigshire Road, St. Louis, MO 63146 (formerly the Holiday Inn where we had meetings in the past. Same as October and November location.)

Luncheon and Professional Development Registration - \$25 which can be paid at the door (cash or checks payable to the St. Louis AgriBusiness Club) or by credit card online at <http://www.stlouisagclub.org/meetingform.html> If you do RSVP and you find out by Monday afternoon or early Tuesday morning that you cannot attend, please contact Dean Dittmar on his cell phone - 618.604.1622, so that you will not be invoiced.

Congressional Reception Raffle at Monthly Meetings: At each meeting this year, you will have the opportunity to add your name to a raffle. In May, 2009, 2 club members (1 from MO and 1 from IL) will be drawn from monthly meeting attendees to win a free trip to the Congressional event in DC in September 2009. The more that you attend the luncheon meetings, the better odds that you have for winning a FREE trip.

Congressional Reception Committee Meeting will be held immediately following our January Meeting. RSVP to Stephanie Regagnon if you plan to attend - sregagnon@ethanolresearch.com