TRADE AND INVESTMENT DELEGATION TO NICARAGUA

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Following the electoral defeat of the Sandinista party in Nicaragua's February 1990 elections, the US government has lifted its embargo on trade with Nicaragua. For the first time in six years, US firms and individuals are free to trade and invest in Nicaragua.

The Wisconsin Coordinating Council on Nicaragua (WCCN) has always opposed the embargo and other forms of military and economic coercion against Nicaragua. Now that the embargo has been lifted, we want to help reactivate economic ties between the US and Nicaragua. In particular, we encourage socially responsible trade and investment that respects Nicaragua's culture, people and natural resources.

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PURPOSE OF THE TOUR

- To identify promising opportunities for firms and individuals wishing to trade and invest in Nicaragua.
- To develop contacts and channels for capital investment, import, export, marketing, and distribution of products traded between the United States and Nicaragua.
- To gather information about current labor, environmental, legal, social and political conditions affecting the Nicaraguan economy, particularly as they affect foreign investors.
- To develop guidelines for socially responsible trade and investment that will promote sustainable development in Nicaragua and benefit the Nicaraguan people.

TOUR DATES (TENTATIVE)

May 25–June 1

ITINERARY

In Nicaragua, we will meet with experts in the fields of economics, development and labor relations as well as representatives of grassroots organizations, government ministries and production cooperatives. The tour may also include trips to coffee-producing regions, artesan markets and excursions outside of Managua.

COST

Approximately $1,400 per participant, including round-trip airfare from Chicago, lodging, meals, all transportation in Nicaragua, guides and Spanish-language interpreters.

RECOMMENDED PARTICIPANTS

The tour is open to the general public. We particularly seek participation from businesspeople, representatives of alternative trade organizations, sellers of coffee and crafts, economists, government leaders, farmers and labor union representatives.