



Federal Reserve's Cumming, Travelers' Woodward Headline 2013 Economic Summit

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Business Leaders, Economists Discuss State's Economic Outlook at Annual Event

Federal Reserve Bank of New York vice president and COO **Christine M. Cumming** is the keynote speaker at the 2013 Economic Summit and Outlook on Friday, January 4, in Hartford.

Cumming will discuss the economic and financial outlook for the U.S. economy before an expected crowd of about 500 business executives at the Marriott Hartford Downtown.

In the opening address, **Joan K. Woodward**, executive vice president, public policy, for Travelers, will examine the federal deficit's impact on the country's economic competitiveness.

And Webster Bank economist Dr. **Nicholas S. Perna** will provide his 2013 economic forecast for Connecticut.

The region's largest economic conference is presented by the Connecticut Business & Industry Association and the MetroHartford Alliance and sponsored by Webster Bank. Full program:

- 8:30-8:40 am: Welcome
- 8:40-9:10 am: Washington Public Policy Update: Deficit Documentary Preview, Joan K. Woodward, executive vice president, public policy, Travelers, and president, The Travelers Institute
- 9:10-9:40 am: Economic Overview, Dr. Nicholas S. Perna, economic advisor to Webster Bank
- 9:40-10 am: Break
- 10-10:45 am: Keynote Address, Christine M. Cumming, first vice president and chief operating officer, Federal Reserve Bank of New York
- 10:45 -11:45 am: Panel Discussion on Defense Industries (panelists include: **Jay DeFrank**, vice president, Communications & Government Relations, Pratt & Whitney; **Colin Cooper**, CEO, Whitcraft Group; **Robert T. Ross**, executive director, Connecticut Office of Military Affairs)

The cost of the conference is \$95 for CBIA/MetroHartford Alliance members and \$130 for nonmembers.

Media wishing to attend the event should contact Joe Budd (860.244.1951; joe.budd@cbia.com).

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