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Economics Editor Zanny Minton Beddoes Discusses How the Obama Administration is Dealing with the Recession

An important part of the Council's mission is to support the future success of Jacksonville as an international trading center and ensure that our citizens are informed participants in the First Coast's business and economic policy debates. The Global Business Luncheons offer invaluable insight into international political, economic, business and financial trends - information that is important to First Coast businesses as they make both short and long term development, staffing and investment decisions.

On behalf of that World Affairs Council of Jacksonville, I would like to announce that Zanny Minton Beddoes, economics editor of The Economist, will be the guest speaker at a timely Global Business Luncheon at The River Club, 1 East Independent Drive on Tuesday, Nov. 17 from noon until 1:30 pm.

The topic of discussion will be, *"Obamanomics: How the Administration is Dealing with the Recession."* For years America's economy has done better than the rest of the developed world. Will America remain the global dynamo or is today's recovery built on an unsustainable pile of debt? From pace of productivity growth to fears of a housing bubble, Beddoes probes America's economic strengths and weaknesses. With her finger on the pulse of Washington policy-making, she puts her economic analysis into a political context. She offers up-to-the minute insight on policy-makers' priorities and the likely direction on issues from the budget to social security reform.

Table Sponsorship for 10 is available for \$1,000.00. Individual tickets are available for purchase for \$45.00 each for Council members and \$65.00 each for non-members. Please call the Council office at (904) 280-8162 or visit our Web site at www.worldaffairscounciljax.org to purchase tickets.

This event is co-hosted with the Gate Governors Club and is supported by Water Street Capital, University of North Florida, Chubb, Lender Processing Services and McGuireWoods LLP.

The Media Sponsor is the *Jacksonville Business Journal*.

Please see the attached bio. and photo for Beddoes.

The World Affairs Council of Jacksonville is a non-partisan, nonprofit organization devoted to promoting understanding of world affairs by sponsoring public programs for all ages, fostering discussion of international issues and opportunities, and providing a venue for people to meet others with similar interests. Our mission is to promote an understanding of the world and its people and to engage citizens of Northeast Florida in becoming informed participants in the global community.