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**Former U.S. Comptroller General, The Honorable David M. Walker, to Discuss  
"The Deficit and Its Impact on America's Business Competitiveness" on Tuesday, May 25**

*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 The Honorable David M. Walker, President and CEO of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation and former Comptroller General of the U.S., will be the guest speaker at a timely Global Business Luncheon at The River Club, 1 East Independent Drive on Tuesday, May 25 from noon until 1:30 pm. The topic of discussion will be, "The Deficit and Its Impact on America's Business Competitiveness."

*"Ever since our founding, America has offered each generation the opportunity for a better life. Now we have put that long standing tradition at risk. Serious structural deficits and mounting debt burdens threaten the future prosperity of our country, its position in the world, and the quality of life for our children and grandchildren. This is the challenge that will exist after the economy has fully recovered, after unemployment levels are down, after the wars are over, and long after the financial and housing crises have past."*

-Hon. David M. Walker, 2010 Fiscal Summit, April 28, 2010

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 website at [www.worldaffairsCounciljax.org](http://www.worldaffairsCounciljax.org) to purchase tickets.

This event is co-hosted with the Gate Governors Club and is supported by Water Street Capital, Jacksonville University and Judith R. Haberkorn. The Media Sponsor is the *Jacksonville Business Journal*.

Please see the attached bio. and photo for Walker.

*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.*