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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - Nearly two dozen U.S. companies will join U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker on a Business Development Mission to Japan and South Korea later this month.

The mission will focus on the health care and energy sectors, promoting U.S. exports to Japan and South Korea by helping American companies launch or increase their business in these key markets.

Japan is the fourth-largest trading partner. South Korea is the sixth-largest.

"One of our key functions at the Department of Commerce is to connect U.S. businesses with new opportunities to sell their goods and services in markets with significant potential," said Secretary Pritzker in a statement. "All over the world, government and private sector leaders are eager to work with U.S. firms because of the values and expertise they bring to the markets in which they operate."

A wide array of firms will make the trip, including Humacyte, Inc. of Morrisville.

Abbott (Abbott Park, IL)

AmerisourceBergen (Valley Forge, PA)

Beautiful Earth Group, LLC (Brooklyn, NY)

C3 Energy (Redwood City, CA)

Cargill (Minneapolis, MN)

Cytori Therapeutics, (San Diego, CA)

The Dow Chemical Company (Midland, MI)

Eli Lilly and Company (Indianapolis, IN)

HPI, LLC (Houston, TX)

Intuitive Surgical, Inc. (Sunnyvale, CA)

Marmon Engineered Wire and Cable (Chicago, IL)

Medidata Solutions (New York, NY)

Merck & Co. (Whitehouse Station, NJ)

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Oregon LNG (Vancouver, WA)

Principle Power Inc. (Seattle, WA)

Quality Electrodynamics (Mayfield Village, OH)

Spacelabs Healthcare (Snoqualmie, WA)

Varian Medical Systems (Palo Alto, CA)

Zilkha Biomass Fuels (Houston, TX)