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Merced County Farm Bureau (209) 723-3001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-profit grass roots organization whose purpose is to protect and promote agricultural interests throughout the state of California and to find solutions to the problems of the farm, the farm home, and the rural community.
California Business Roundtable (916) 553-4093	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nonprofit, nonpartisan organization of California CEOs focusing on big picture issues affecting California businesses. These issues include infrastructure, education, energy, and government reform
California Farm Bureau Federation (916) 561-5500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-governmental, non-profit, voluntary membership California corporation whose purpose is to protect and promote agricultural interests throughout the state of California and to find solutions to the problems of the farm, the farm home and the rural community.
California League of Food Processors (916) 640-8150	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Devoted primarily to furthering the interests of the food processing industry before the State Legislature and regulatory agencies, and is a major representative for the California industry at the Federal level. CLFP's purpose is to foster a favorable environment for the growth and strength of the industry within the state. In doing so, California processors can continue to provide consumers with safe and wholesome food produced in an environmentally sound and responsible manner.
California Manufacturing and Technology Association (916) 498-3340	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The California Manufacturers & Technology Association works to improve and enhance a

	<p>strong business climate for California's 30,000 manufacturing, processing and technology based companies by providing business advocacy with state government, legislative updates and conferences</p>
<p>California Solar Energy Industries Association (916) 747-6987</p>	<p>CALSEIA's mission is to expand the use of all solar technologies in California and establish a sustainable industry for a clean energy future. CALSEIA is funded by memberships through annual membership dues. CALSEIA activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enact Legislation - Create and/or Modify Regulations - Create and/or Maintain Incentives - To encourage the ethical conduct of companies participating in the solar market - Develop Codes and Standards: to ensure safety and reliability and to standardize requirements to reduce costs and improve construction efficiency
<p>Source: Merced County Farm Bureau (www.mercedfarmbureau.com), California Business Roundtable (www.cbrt.org), California Farm Bureau Federation (www.cfbf.com), California League of Food Processors (www.clfp.com), California Manufacturing & Technology Association (www.cmta.net), California Solar Energy Industries Association (www.calseia.org) (June 2011)</p>	
<p>International Trade</p>	
<p>California International Business Association (858) 483-7250</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International business directory for international trade opportunities with California; originally an arm of the California Trade & Commerce Agency
<p>Federation of International Trade Associations (718) 871-0369</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FITA provides resources, benefits and services to the international trade community and useful tools to help you do business globally. - Organizations that are linked to FITA through their membership in a FITA member association represent a broad cross-section of the international trade and business community: manufacturers, trading companies, contractors, freight forwarders, custom house brokers, airlines, shipping companies, port authorities, banks, insurance brokers and underwriters, associations and a wide range of service providers including telecommunications companies, law firms and consultants.
<p>Source: California International Business Association (www.caltrade.com/association), Federation of International Trade Associations (www.fita.org) (June 2011)</p>	