

**M&T Bank CEO to Participate in Clinton Global Initiative America 2012**  
**“Getting America Back to Work”**  
***In Opening Session, Wilmers to Focus on Small Business, Workforce Issues***

**Buffalo, NY; June 5, 2012** – M&T Bank Chairman and CEO Robert G. Wilmers will participate in the Clinton Global Initiative America 2012 Meeting in Chicago this Thursday, June 7.

CGI America is an annual event that is focused on finding solutions that promote economic recovery in the United States. This working meeting brings together leaders from the business, foundation, NGO and government sectors to develop solutions that address unemployment, prepare Americans to be competitive global citizens and rethink current models that shape our economy and society.

Wilmers will participate in the opening plenary session, “Jumpstart the Nation: Getting America Back to Work,” which will be moderated by President Bill Clinton, Founding Chairman of the Clinton Global Initiative and 42<sup>nd</sup> President of the United States.

Named “Banker of the Year” by *American Banker* in 2011, Wilmers will share his views on small business and workforce readiness.

Also participating in this discussion will be: Ellen Alberding, President, The Joyce Foundation; Steve Cahillane, President and CEO, Coca-Cola Refreshments, The Coca-Cola Company; and Darlene Miller, President and CEO, Permac Industries and Member, President Obama’s Council on Jobs and Competitiveness.

This session runs from **10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 7**. A live Webcast will be available at: <http://live.cgiamerica.org>.

The official CGI Twitter account is: <http://www.twitter.com/ClintonGlobal>. The Twitter hashtag for the meeting is: #CGIAmerica. Questions from the online audience will be accepted via Twitter live during each panel.

M&T Bank, headquartered in Buffalo, NY, since 1856, is one of the top 20 independent U.S. commercial banks, operating branches in New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, D.C. M&T employs more than 15,000 people and is the nation’s 6<sup>th</sup> largest U.S. Small Business Administration lender. Further information about M&T Bank and a full bio of Robert G. Wilmers can be found at: <http://mtb.mediaroom.com>.

**About CGI America**

President Clinton established the Clinton Global Initiative America (CGI America) to address economic recovery in the United States. CGI America brings together leaders in business,

government, and civil society to generate and implement commitments to create jobs, stimulate economic growth, foster innovation, and support workforce development in the United States. Since its first meeting in June 2011, CGI America participants have made more than 100 commitments valued at \$11.8 billion. When fully funded and implemented, these commitments will improve the lives of three million people, create or fill more than 150,000 jobs, and invest and loan \$354 million to small and medium enterprises in the United States. The 2012 CGI America meeting will take place June 7-8 in Chicago. To learn more, visit [cgiamerica.org](http://cgiamerica.org).

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