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~Ballard Partners Announce Washington, D.C. Office~

TALLAHASSEE – Ballard Partners, Florida’s top government affairs firm, today announced the opening of their new Washington, D.C. office located in the heart of the nation’s capital.

“There is great enthusiasm for President Trump’s new administration in Washington. We are thrilled to be part of this excitement with the opening of our new Ballard Partners office in our nation’s capital,” said Brian Ballard, President of Ballard Partners. “We have assembled a first class team to lead our office in Washington, and we look forward to representing our clients on a path to success at the federal level.”

Ambassador Otto Reich, will join the Ballard Partners team in Washington, D.C. He was formerly the Ambassador to Venezuela, Assistant Secretary of State for the Western Hemisphere, Special Envoy for Western Hemisphere under President George W. Bush, and senior staff member for the National Security Council.

“I am thrilled to join Ballard Partners in the new Washington, D.C. office at a very exciting time in our country’s history,” said Otto Reich, Senior Counselor, International Affairs. “I look forward to helping bring the Ballard Partners standard of first-class government relations to Washington.”

Additionally, Senior Advisor and Florida Strategist to President Trump’s 2016 campaign, Susie Wiles, will join the Ballard Partners Washington team. Susie is an accomplished communications, government relations and political professional who will spend her time between both the Washington and Jacksonville Ballard Partners offices. She has more than twenty-five years of experience managing government and public affairs endeavors. Most recently, Susie managed the successful Trump campaign in Florida as well as the Governor Rick Scott’s campaign in 2010.

“Ballard Partners’ Washington, D.C. office will help provide clients critical access to the happenings at the federal level,” said Susie Wiles. “We are excited to hit the ground running with the powerhouse team we’ve assembled.”

Another new team member, Dan McFaul, joins Ballard Partners with 20 years of experience on Capitol Hill.

Dan’s experience includes legislative director and deputy press secretary for Congressman Joe Scarborough, chief of staff and communications director for Congressman Jeff Miller, staff member for President-elect Trump’s transition team and chief of staff for U.S. Representative Matt Gaetz.

“I am grateful for the opportunity to join Ballard Partners and the exceptional team in Washington, D.C.,” said Dan McFaul. “The nation is on a path to greater prosperity and growth, and with these opportunities come many key government relations needs. I look forward to working with Ballard Partners to help ensure our new and existing clients reach and exceed their goals.”

Leading the Washington, D.C. office will be current team member Sylvester “Syl” Lukis. Syl will add more than forty years of experience in government and representing clients in Florida and Washington, D.C. He has had positions in the General Counsel’s Office of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Special Assistant to the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia and as an Assistant

Director of the Cuban-Haitian Task Force at the U.S. Department of State. Currently Syl is a senior partner at Ballard Partners and has been a member of the Washington, D.C. Bar for more than thirty years.

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