The Tenth Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis: A Pre-Proposal

June 14-16, 2007

Purdue University

W. Lafayette, IN: USA
Motivation

• Celebrate the first decade of conferences
• Bring the Advisory Board to Purdue University for the first time since 2001
• Bolster profile of GTAP at Purdue:
  – It is often said that GTAP is better known in Washington and Geneva than at home
  – Makes life easier for Center as higher profile facilitates resource flow at Purdue
• GTAP Center has a chance to put its imprint on the conference again after six years away
• No competing proposals for 2007 on the table (although Finns have expressed interest previously)
Ideas for a Special Program

• As with 4th Annual Conference, once again target top academics from North America as plenary speakers: focus on new frontiers, e.g., labor markets, trade facilitation, links with econometric analysis of trade, national environmental issues

• Have a commissioned paper session on:
  – Lessons learned from the first decade
  – Challenges for the decade ahead

• Ask the Purdue President to host the opening reception

• Combine with the annual short course:
  – Leave a few days in between – perhaps start Wednesday noon following the conference
  – Leave one or two days for the team of instructors to go sailing and unwind from the board meeting/conference
Logistics

• International arrivals directly from O’Hare:
  – New limo service to Lafayette
  – Add additional limos at key times once we know their schedules

• Pre-conference excursion in Chicago on the day before the conference (board of trade, lakefront architecture tour, etc.) We could then have a bus bring these participants from Chicago to Purdue Wednesday evening to minimize travel.