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HOW WE CAN HELP >>

Export Consulting
Certified international trade consultants are available for confidential, no-fee, individualized consulting to help you plan your export strategy. Services include:

Getting started – assessing your company’s export readiness, conducting international market research, identifying appropriate referrals to other service providers, and compiling international competitors

Taking the next steps – assistance with developing an export marketing plan, importing goods, understanding tariffs and duties, learning about cultural differences, and planning market entry strategies

Refining your global strategy – sourcing materials, interpreting Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), reviewing export compliance and regulations, and generating international sales

Succeeding in international business – preparing for tradeshows and trademissions, identifying sources of export financing, mitigating payment risks, and understanding distributor agreements

WHY YOUR COMPANY SHOULD CONSIDER INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS >>

International markets represent a major growth area for U.S. companies

International markets are becoming more accessible as trade barriers are breaking down

Exporting minimizes risk through market diversification and can offset loss of domestic sales

Selling internationally lengthens production schedules for seasonal products – long-term business success may depend on participation in the global economy

Good markets abroad may still exist for products that have reached the end of their domestic life cycle

Entering new markets, particularly international markets, challenges a company to stay current with technological developments

International trade boosts profits!

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EDUCATION >>

Educational Programs
As an extension of its consulting services, the SBDCs provide information on international business opportunities, issues and exporting mechanics through introductory, intermediate and advanced level workshops. For a complete list of current workshops, visit pasbdc.org/events.

Sales Leads
The SBDCs utilize a variety of resources populated by State and Federal international trade organizations to identify world wide trade leads for your products or services. Contact your local SBDC consultant today to learn more about these opportunities for your business by visiting pasbdc.org/centers.

On-Demand Resources
A variety of online resources exist to help small business owners learn about selling internationally.

www.ustda.gov
www.export.gov
www.businessusa.gov/trade
www.newpa.com/trade
www.exportingpa.org

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