



# BUREAU OF ECONOMIC & BUSINESS AFFAIRS WORKING FOR AMERICAN BUSINESSES

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The Department of State offers numerous [tools for U.S. businesses](#). The team of professionals in State's Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs ("EB") advances U.S. economic diplomacy worldwide, including through the Department's network of over 1,500 Economic Officers at our embassies and consulates. We are here to assist and advise your organization and company with the following:

## Country and Market Information

### Direct Line

Helps U.S. businesses discover overseas market opportunities through free webinars with Ambassadors and experts.

### Business Information Database System (BIDS)

Identifies leads on active and potential projects funded by the Multilateral Development Banks for private sector companies.

### Investment Climate Statements

Provides an annual update on the investment climate in each of 170+ economies worldwide. These form part of the Commerce Department's [Country Commercial Guides](#).

### Partner Post Program

Allows State Department Economic Officers to provide commercial services at over 60 posts in which a Foreign Commercial Service is not present.

## Business Support and Outreach

### Commercial and Business Affairs (CBA)

Advocates for U.S. business abroad, promotes economic inclusion, and integrates U.S. business concerns into our foreign policy.

Provides coordinated U.S. government advocacy through the Department of Commerce's [Advocacy Center](#) to support U.S. companies bidding on foreign government procurements.

Oversees the [Award for Corporate Excellence \(ACE\)](#) to recognize U.S. firms that exemplify American values and demonstrate the impact U.S. enterprises can have worldwide in their global operations.

### Office of Economic Policy Analysis and Public Diplomacy (EPPD)

Leads U.S. efforts with the [Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development \(OECD\)](#), supporting an open, transparent, market-based economic system that fosters a level playing field for U.S. businesses.

### Threat Finance Countermeasures (TFS/TFC)

Implements the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme to protect the \$85 billion U.S. jewelry industry from trade in conflict diamonds.

Supports U.S. industry efforts to responsibly source conflict minerals through a public-private alliance that funds relevant pilot projects.

### Sanctions Policy and Implementation (TFS/SPI)

Helps the business community understand and comply with U.S.-foreign sanctions policy.

## Policy Advocacy

### Communications and Information Policy (CIP)

Leads U.S. efforts to promote international telecom, ICT standards, emerging tech, and multi-stakeholder internet governance, securing spectrum for the U.S. tech sector.

### Development Finance (IFD/ODF)

Serves as State's liaison to the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC), Export-Import Bank (EXIM), Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), and U.S. Trade and Development Association (USTDA).

Leads State's collaboration on implementation of the Blue Dot Network that certifies quality infrastructure projects.

### Investment Affairs (IFD/OIA)

Promotes fair resolutions of investment disputes between U.S. companies and foreign governments, and presses for the removal of investment-related market barriers.

Promotes Responsible Business Conduct (RBC) globally and houses the U.S. National Contact Point, the U.S. government mechanism for dispute resolutions consistent with OECD Guidelines.

Liaises with Treasury, the Treaty Office, the Country Desk Officer, and Post to implement double tax treaties (DTT), country-by-country reporting, and the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) agreements to ensure U.S. businesses are taxed in a fair and transparent manner.

### Monetary Affairs (IFD/OMA)

Expands markets for U.S. business by promoting sound macroeconomic policies, fiscal stability and transparency, and sound debt management globally.

Leads U.S. efforts to fight against bribery of foreign officials in international business.

### Trade Policy and Negotiations (TPN)

Opens markets for U.S. products and services overseas and strengthens trade relationships around the world.

### Agricultural Policy (TPN/AGP)

Keeps markets open for U.S. products derived from modern biotechnology, saving water and pesticides and increasing yields.

### Intellectual Property Enforcement (TPN/IPE)

Builds political will to effectively protect and enforce intellectual property rights (IPR) around the world.

### Aviation Negotiations (TRA/AN)

Negotiates and enforces air transport agreements to level the playing field for U.S. airlines and their workers.

### Transportation Policy (TRA/OTP)

Ensures that the standards for international aviation and maritime security advance our national security priorities while mitigating adverse or unfair impact on U.S. businesses.

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