

Additional International Resources:

Export Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank)



The Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank) is the official export credit agency of the United States. Ex-Im Bank's mission is to assist in financing the export of U.S. goods and services to international markets.

Ex-Im Bank does not compete with private sector lenders but provides export financing products that fill gaps in trade financing. We assume credit and country risks that the private sector is unable or unwilling to accept.

Ex-Im Bank provides working capital guarantees (pre-export financing); export credit insurance; and loan guarantees and direct loans (buyer financing).

With more than 70 years of experience, Ex-Im Bank has supported more than \$400 billion of U.S. exports, primarily to developing markets worldwide.

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Federation of International Trade Associations



The Federation of International Trade Associations (FITA), founded in 1984, fosters international trade by strengthening the role of local, regional, and national associations throughout the United States, Mexico and Canada that have an international mission.

FITA affiliates are 450+ independent international associations which fall into six categories.

The 400,000 organizations linked to FITA through their membership in a FITA member association represent a broad cross-section of the international trade community: manufacturers, trading companies, contractors, freight forwarders, custom house brokers, airlines, shipping companies, port authorities, banks, insurance brokers and underwriters, associations and a wide range of service providers including telecommunications companies, law firms, and consultants.

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Inter-American Investment Corporation



The Inter-American Investment Corporation is a multilateral financial institution that is part of the Inter-American Development Bank Group. The IIC is mandated to promote the economic development of its regional developing member countries located in Latin America and the Caribbean by encouraging the establishment, expansion, and modernization of private enterprises in such a way as to complement the activities of IDB.

To fulfill its mandate, the IIC offers a range of products and services such as -short-term loans, up to two years (working capital or trade finance), medium-term loans, up to five years (working capital, corporate loans, or project finance), long-term loans, up to fifteen years (corporate loans or project finance), syndicated A and B loans, equity and quasi-equity investments, and credit guarantees for loans and debt instruments.

All IIC's clients are private enterprises—preferably, although not exclusively, small and medium-size companies. The IIC offers in Colombia, Mexico, and Peru and under specific conditions, financing denominated in local currency. Among the beneficiaries are financial intermediaries, including leasing companies.

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International Trade Administration



The Office of Finance seeks to enhance the domestic and international competitiveness of key U.S. financial services industries in order to increase their exports and investment overseas. Primary areas of focus for the Office of Finance include insurance, securities, banking, venture capital, private equity, pensions and asset management, exchanges, mortgage, leasing, and non-bank financing. Our office supports these programs and activities through our Financial Services and Trade and Project Finance teams.

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Inter-American Development Bank



The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the oldest and largest regional bank in the world, is the main source of multilateral financing for economic, social and institutional development in Latin America and the Caribbean. Its loans and grants help finance development projects and support strategies to reduce poverty, expand growth, increase trade and investment, promote regional integration, and foster private sector development and modernization of the State.

The IDB Group is composed of the IDB, the Inter-American Investment Corporation (IIC) and the Multilateral Investment Fund (MIF). The IIC focuses on support for small and medium-sized businesses, while the MIF promotes private sector growth through grants and investments.

In recent years the Bank has launched a number of initiatives aimed at applying new approaches to reduce poverty, promote small businesses, stimulate trade and extend financial democracy.

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International Finance Corporation



IFC fosters sustainable economic growth in developing countries by financing private sector investment, mobilizing capital in the international financial markets, and providing advisory services to businesses and governments.

IFC helps companies and financial institutions in emerging markets create jobs, generate tax revenues, improve corporate governance and environmental performance, and contribute to their local communities. The goal is to improve lives, especially for the people who most need the benefits of growth.

IFC offers an array of financial products and services to its clients and continues to develop new financial tools that enable companies to manage risk and broaden their access to foreign and domestic capital markets.

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Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency



Since its inception in 1988, Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) has issued nearly 900 guarantees worth more than \$17.4 billion for projects in 96 developing countries. MIGA specializes in facilitating investments in high-risk, low-income countries—such as in Africa and conflict-affected areas. By partnering with the World Bank and others, MIGA is able to lever-

age finance for guarantee trust funds in these difficult or frontier markets. The agency also focuses on supporting complex infrastructure projects and promoting investments between developing countries.

MIGA's technical assistance services also play an integral role in catalyzing foreign direct investment by helping developing countries define and implement strategies to promote investment. MIGA develops and deploys tools and technologies to support the spread of information on investment opportunities. Thousands of users take advantage of our suite of online investment information services, which complement country-based capacity-building work.

The agency uses its legal services to further smooth possible impediments to investment. Through its dispute mediation program, MIGA helps governments and investors resolve their differences, and ultimately improve the country's investment climate.

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Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC)



OPIC is a U.S. government agency that sells political risk insurance and loans to help U.S. businesses of all sizes invest and compete in more than 150 emerging markets and developing nations worldwide.

OPIC's mission is to:

- Foster economic development in new and emerging markets;
- Support U.S. foreign policy; and,
- Create U.S. jobs by helping U.S. businesses to invest overseas.

OPIC charges market-based fees for its products and therefore it operates on a self-sustaining basis at no net cost to taxpayers. OPIC places a special emphasis on supporting U.S. small businesses in their efforts to expand into emerging markets overseas. OPIC established a Small Business Center and Small and Medium Enterprise Finance Department to coordinate OPIC expertise for the development of small business deals through a streamlined approval process aimed at reducing costs for U.S. small businesses.

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