#  United States Small Business Administration logoSBA Fast Track Service

## Introducing a New SBA Tool for U.S. Manufacturers

SBA’s Office of International Trade (OIT) is introducing a new business counseling resource for U.S. small business manufacturers looking to grow, expand, and recover global sales.

SBA OIT’s ***Fast Track Service*** connects U.S. manufacturers with appropriate resources to support global market expansion. The business counseling will result in faster access to accurate information, eligibility requirements and insights into how to maximize relevant Federal and State trade related resources for recovery and resilience.

With some foreign markets coming back on-line, now is a good time for U.S. small businesses to consider global market opportunities. SBA supports small business exporters and strengthens global supply chains by providing financing to small businesses in that chain.

SBA’s export financing is available to companies that may not export themselves, but instead that provide inputs for other businesses that sell globally.

### How does Fast Track Service Help?

COVID-19 has only increased pressures on small businesses to pivot and address new unknowns and risks. SBA OIT is introducing Fast Track Service to help small businesses access timely and accurate information on SBA international trade financing, State Trade Promotion Expansion Program (STEP) grants, and connection to appropriate Federal and state resources for international trade.

With so many new issues to navigate and research, SBA is shortening the research cycle to speed recovery. This includes access to information and counseling on SBA Debt Relief included in the CARES Act COVID-19 response.

### How to Access SBA Resources

For SBA Fast Track call SBA toll free at (855) 722-4877 or email international@sba.gov to request this service. (Please provide contact information, and availability for scheduling. SBA OIT will respond within 24 hours on weekdays to the request for an appointment.)

For assistance with financing for market development, to fulfill global sales orders, or to expand export capacity: David Leonard at David.Leonard@sba.gov or by phone at 404-730-2706.

For more information on SBA Debt Relief: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/sba-debt-relief>

For information on STEP or assistance with export business planning: Leslee Alexander at lalexander@tsbdc.org or (615) 881-0454.

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