Pennsylvania SBDC International Team at MOU Signing



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Since signing the original MOU agreement in 2012, the Pennsylvania SBDCs and U.S. Commercial Service's network of worldwide offices have worked together on marketing, educational programs and events leveraging both entities' expertise to help make U.S. businesses—and particularly small and medium-sized, Pennsylvania based firms—more export savvy. Joint activities have included building awareness through outreach at trade shows, export seminars, and trade education events.

Upcoming international business education events and trade shows hosted by the Pennsylvania SBDC and U.S. Commercial Service include:

- <u>Trade Winds Latin America</u>, September 6-13, 2016 (Chile, Mexico, Bolivia, Paraguay, Peru, Argentina, and Uruguay)
- ExportTech: Fast track to Developing Strategies for International Sales, Fall 2016 (Philadelphia, PA)
- Export University 2016-2017, Fall 2016 (Philadelphia, PA)

Companies interested in exploring these opportunities should contact one of the 18 SBDCs in
Pennsylvania by visiting <u>www.pasbdc.or/centers</u> .