



## News Release

### **Port Hosts Exporters' Forum for Small Businesses Trade, financial agencies offer assistance to companies**

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As part of an ongoing effort to assist businesses involved in exporting U.S.-made goods, the Port of Long Beach on Thursday hosted a forum with the Export-Import Bank of the U.S., the Long Beach International Trade Office and about 100 exporters and others.



The forum was organized to help facilitate an increase in U.S. exports by introducing small companies to the financial tools and opportunities offered by the federal government and other agencies. The discussions focused on helping small businesses find the information, credit and insurance they may need to start or boost sales of goods and services in overseas markets.

“ ‘Made in the U.S.A.’ is a great door opener,” said Fred P. Hochberg, Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, a federal agency.

Echoing that remark at the event were representatives of small businesses that are successfully exporting goods and services. They said they have found a demand for U.S. products and services abroad.

Thursday’s event follows the recent round table hosted by the Port that brought together senior U.S. trade officials and local business people to discuss tapping into overseas markets.

For more information about Export-Import Bank of the U.S., go to [www.exim.gov](http://www.exim.gov).

For more information about the Long Beach International Trade Office, go to [www.lbito.org](http://www.lbito.org).

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