

## Why Trade Matters: How To Grow Your Business Through Exports

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## **CFITO History**

In April of 2014, J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. and Orange County Government formed the Central Florida International Trade Office located at the National Entrepreneur Center.



Serving 6 Central Florida Counties

## **Main Purpose**

#### Vision

To be the hub of international trade activity in Central Florida, creating a strong global presence and international trade economy.

#### Mission

To provide relevant international trade assistance and connections for Central Florida companies through research, educational seminars, trade delegations, and community partnerships.



Connections



Trade Seminars







Information

## Florida trade (2019)

Trade is important to the Florida economy

- ✓ Business Roundtable: one in five jobs depend on trade
- ✓ \$154 billion flowed through Florida's airports and seaports

Florida exported FL origin goods worth \$56 billion

- ✓ Supported over 230,000 jobs (2017)
- ✓ Key exports: computer & electronic products, transportation equipment, chemicals, machinery
- ✓ Top markets: Brazil, Canada, Mexico, Colombia, Chile, UK

Florida imported \$81.3 billion in goods

- ✓ Key imports: automobiles, gold, electrical parts, aircraft, oil, clothing, medical instruments, luggage/purses, cut flowers, tobacco products
- ✓ Top sources: China, Mexico, Canada, Germany, Brazil, France



## **Central Florida exports (2018)**

The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford area exported goods valued at \$3.6 billion

Key markets:

- ✓ Central & South America 36%
- ✓ Caribbean 17%
- ✓ Europe 16%
- ✓ Asia 15%
- ✓ North America 13%

Key exports:

- ✓ Industrial machinery \$833 million
- ✓ Computer & electronic products \$681 million
- ✓ Transportation equipment \$270 million
- ✓ Optical equipment \$264 million
- ✓ Dairy (primarily cheese) \$103 million
- ✓ Jewelry \$94 million
- ✓ Plastics \$94 million



## **Optics & Photonics Exports (2018)**

#### USA: \$15.1 billion

 Key markets: China (\$1.8 billion); Canada (\$1.5 billion); Germany (\$1.3 billion); Japan (\$1.2 billion); Korea (\$1.0 billion); Mexico (\$0.9 billion) - EU28: \$4.1 billion

#### Florida: \$941 million

Key markets: Canada (\$145 million); UK (\$100 million); Korea (\$65 million); Germany (\$44 million); Japan (\$39 million); and Chile (\$36 million) – EU28: \$195 million



## **Optics & Photonics Exports (2018)**

#### Central Florida: \$102 million

 Key markets: Canada (\$26 million); Korea (\$13 million); Germany (\$8 million); Taiwan (\$7 million); UK (\$6 million); Japan (\$4 million) – EU28: \$20 million

\$29 million	Instruments & Appliances For Aeronautical Or Space Navigation
\$22 million	Other Navigational Instruments
\$11 million	Compasses & Parts
\$8.2 million	Contact Lenses
\$5.4 million	Parts & Accessories for LCDs, Lasers & Other Optical Appliances
\$4.0 million	Optical Prisms & Lenses
\$3.8 million	Optical Devices
\$2.4 million	Camera Lenses
\$1.5 million	Fiber Optics
\$1.4 million	Objective Lenses & Parts
\$1.3 million	Lasers



**Other FL regions:** Jacksonville (\$175 million); Tampa (\$153 million); Miami (\$138 million); Brevard County (\$100 million)

## Why should your business consider exporting?

Demand: 95% of the world lives outside of the United States

Money: 75% of global wealth is not here in the U.S.

**Profitability:** people are willing to pay a premium for Made in the USA

**Risk mitigation:** you don't want to be dependent on just one buyer; same goes for markets

**Extend product life:** what may be obsolete here may still have demand abroad **Year-round sales:** if it is winter in FL, it will be summer in Southern Hemisphere **Competitiveness:** lessons learned abroad make your product better at home



## Ok, but why is importing important?

Importing products does not necessarily mean exporting jobs

They can help local businesses to -

Manage risks: avoid dependence on single source

**Improve competitiveness:** importing inexpensive components can help you maintain competitive pricing

**Meet customer demand:** some products unavailable domestically; others help working families stretch their budget



## So what can CFITO do for your business?



**One-on-one counselling:** help you decide whether international trade is right for your business and how to become export-ready

Workshops: learn about key export topics and markets

**Connect you to opportunities:** host foreign buyer delegations

**Connect you to resources:** identify resource partners who can help you export and help you to be prepared to maximize benefit of your initial interactions with them

# Thank you.



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