

Passport to Global Markets

An Export Acceleration Program Organized by Virginia SBDC

Passport to Global Markets is a customized training program designed to accelerate entry and expansion into global markets.

Who should apply: Established firms with products and services that can be exported. This program is for new-to-market, or new-to-export firms, and not for startups. A small group of companies will be accepted.

Highlights include:

- Learn best practice from experienced exporters
- Meet dozens of private and public sector experts
- Find the right financing tools for your firm
- Leverage U.S. tax incentives for exporters
- Identify efficient logistics solutions
- Receive one-on-one business counseling
- Identify foreign market opportunities
- Develop an export plan
- Enjoy great networking opportunities

This intensive program provides executives with the structure and resources to formulate a market entry strategy. The first two program days provide incredible access to a diverse group of private and public sector experts. On the final program day, companies present their market entry strategies in front of their peers and receive feedback from a distinguished panel. Between program days, companies receive one-on-one business counseling from the Virginia SBDC and our partners.

How to Apply

Go to <u>www.virginiasbdc.org</u> to apply for this **selective program**. As part of the application process, all applicants must have an interview. Companies will be rated on:

- 1) Readiness to export
- 2) Management commitment to the program.

Dates and Locations:

<u>Norfolk</u> January 31 February 28 March 28

Roanoke April 25 May 9 June 13 Fairfax February 7 February 21 April 4

<u>Richmond</u> Dates To Be Announced Late Spring or Fall 2013

Time: 10:00 am- 4:00 pm on program days **Cost:** \$350

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