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Jeff Hamilton is a Commercial Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Bogota, Colombia. In this capacity he counsels and supports U.S. companies looking to enter the Colombian market. He has been in Bogota since August 2013. Prior to his current assignment Jeff served in Mexico City (2010-2013) helping U.S. companies enter the Mexican market, and in Salt Lake City (2007-2010) where he helped Utah companies expand their operations overseas.

Jeff began his career with the Department of Commerce in Washington, DC where he worked from 2003 to 2004 at the Trade Information Center, assisting clients on a wide variety of exporting issues, from finding a buyer overseas to foreign countries' customs regulations, and everything in between. From 2004-2007 Jeff worked as an International Trade Specialist in the Commercial Service's East Asia/Pacific office in Washington, D.C. He served as a country manager for Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and Australia/New Zealand, providing administrative and budgetary guidance and support to the U.S. Commercial Service operations in those countries.

Jeff attended graduate school at the University of Texas at Austin where he received a Master's degree in Public Affairs from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs and a Master's of Arts in Latin American Studies from the Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies. Prior to graduate school, Jeff worked as a teacher in Ecuador and Mexico, for a telecommunications firm in Portland, Oregon and a healthcare company in Honolulu, Hawaii. He is married and has a daughter.