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Maria Galindo has served as a Commercial Officer in Korea since May 2011. She has a 18 year career with the U.S. government of which 14 years have been with the Foreign Commercial Service/Global Markets.

In Korea, her sector responsibilities include:

- defense,
  - aerospace,
  - safety and security,
  - wholesale & retail distribution channels, products & services,
  - chemicals,
  - education, and
  - high-tech instrumentation
- to name a few.

In the 1990's she served as a Commercial Attache in Spain, as Senior Commercial Officer in Costa Rica & Nicaragua, and was the first Director of the Philadelphia U.S. Export Assistance Center (USEAC).

In all of these Commercial Service/Global Market postings she had extensive responsibility and experience in a wide-range of industries and successfully initiated, implemented and managed *hundreds of trade missions and events*, accrued billions of dollars of export successes, participated in thousands of business counseling sessions, and was responsible for successfully implementing numerous initiatives -- all designed to help U.S. exporters *create jobs in America!*

Following her work in Philadelphia she left the Foreign Commercial Service/Global Markets and managed for 10 years, her own national and international business development enterprise where she successfully managed projects, programs and activities for over 80 companies in such diverse areas as international airport equipment, international market research (food and beverage), state-wide public relations and branding campaigns, and cross-cultural business counseling for dozens of Fortune 100 companies, to name a few.