Navigating public procurements: Resources and opportunities for American companies - Webinar

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“Opportunities have been created for USA based companies to fulfill foreign contracts not completed by traditional sources impacted by the Covid-19 Pandemic Disruptions to Global Supply Chains”
Challenges:

- Local Suppliers
- Geopolitical, cultural, language, regulatory
- Understanding the “process”
- “Politics of the sale”
- Being competitive
Develop Robust Relationships
Do Your Homework
Develop “Leverage Points”
Qualify the Opportunity
Create a “Local Presence”
Ten Steps

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Be Cautious:

Don’t Overcommit

Be Prepared to Compromise

Understand USA Laws on FCPA
Logistics
Payment
Customer Service
Mitigation Strategies
Legal Consideration’s
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Tom has been involved as a consultant for numerous trade associations since 1997, where he and his team has been an integral resource to the various Association Members.

Tom was former CEO of American River International in NY and Apex Global Logistics Supply Chain Operation in LA. Tom has over 30 years’ experience in assisting companies all over the world manage their import and export operations. He is a member of the NY District Export Council, sits on the board of numerous corporations and is considered a leader in the business verticals he works in.

He has now authored over 19 books on Global Trade and is in the middle of an 8 Book Series, titled ... The Global Warrior ... Advancing on the Necessary Skill Sets to Compete Effectively in Global Trade.

Tom is also the Director of the National Institute of World Trade (niwt.org) a 30-year-old educational and training organization, based on Long Island.

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