



APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

To wholly benefit from the GlobalTarget mentorship program, applicants are required to:

- Commit the support of the company's president or an executive, who attends three sessions throughout the year
- Commit to out-of-session activities to work on exporting activities for your business (including completing assignments and meetings with a mentor)
- Build an international strategy for growth

The GlobalTarget™ mentorship program is designed for small to medium-sized businesses looking to proactively expand their export sales. Applicants should demonstrate commitment to growing their business and building jobs in Ohio.

To participate in the GlobalTarget program, we request a 7-month commitment from October 2023 through April 2024. The program represents an investment of your employees' time for each session, but can be extended to allow access for additional employees to attend specific sessions.

VALUE OF GLOBALTARGET

- Privileged access to premier individuals behind Northeast Ohio's most successful export companies
- Professional export market selection study conducted by the Global Business Center/Ohio Small Business Development Center Export Assistance Network (\$1000 value)
- Discounted One Gold Key Service provided by the U.S. Commercial Service (\$950 value)
- Networking opportunities with local and regional experts
- Education sessions on a wide variety of topics related to international trade
- Opportunity to engage with Cleveland State University faculty and students on your company's projects

APPLICANT CRITERIA

- Applicant must be a business registered and established in Ohio in good standing with state and federal agencies.
- Business should be in operation for at least two years.
- Business revenues should be at least \$2 million for the most recent fiscal year.
- Business should employ a minimum of 10 individuals.
- Business must demonstrate some experience in export sales or pass an assessment of export readiness by a recognized agent such as the Small Business Development Centers of Ohio, the U.S. Department of Commerce, or the Ohio Department of Development.

PROGRAM COST

\$3,000 per business includes:

- One-year membership for two employees to receive all of the training, mentorship and program features



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2023-2024 PROGRAM APPLICATION

ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS

Business Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Headquarters Location (leave blank if same as above) _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Date of Establishment of Business _____

Number of Employees _____

Number of Facilities _____

Average Annual Sales in U.S. Dollars _____

Percent of International Annual Sales in U.S. Dollars _____

Company Website _____

Type of Business (check boxes):

Manufacturer Service Wholesaler Retailer Distributor Other

Legal Structure (check boxes):

Corporation Partnership Sole Proprietor Limited Liability Corporation Other

Primary Contact Name _____

Primary Contact Title _____

Primary Contact Email _____

Primary Contact Phone _____

Primary Contact Fax _____



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS

A non-disclosure agreement is signed by all GlobalTarget participants. The following information is necessary to select and provide balance to the GlobalTarget cohort and align your organization with a mentor that will best complement your business structure and goals.

Core Business _____

Primary Products/Services _____

Products or Services Currently Importing _____

Countries Currently Importing from _____

Products or Services Currently Exporting _____

Countries Seeking to Export to _____

Please provide a brief description of the status and stage of international business development that has been implemented at your organization.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS

Do you know of other companies that might be interested in GlobalTarget? _____

Name of other company _____

Contact at company _____

Contact Email _____

Contact Phone _____

STATEMENT ON THE OHIO SBDC EXPORT ASSISTANCE NETWORK FOREIGN MARKET SELECTION STUDY

By participating in the GlobalTarget Program, you receive one World-wide Market Prioritization Research study (value \$1000) provided by the Global Business Center/Ohio SBDC Export Assistance Network at Cleveland State University. This study is offered to GlobalTarget participants and must be conducted by the end of the calendar year in which your program concludes (December 31, 2024) in order to be eligible for complementary status.

STATEMENT ON THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE GOLD KEY SERVICE

By participating in the GlobalTarget Program, you are eligible to use one Gold Key Service or International Partner Search (value \$950) provided by the Ohio Department of Development. Either service offered to GlobalTarget participants must be completed by the end of the year in which your program concludes (December 31, 2024) in order to be eligible for complementary status. Company must hold active FedEx account to be eligible.

Through the IMAGE grant, Ohio you may be able to receive \$1,500 in reimbursement toward the registration fee for the GlobalTarget program. For details regarding eligibility and claiming reimbursement, inquire at gbc@csuohio.edu.



DATES, TOPICS *and* TIME COMMITMENTS

DATE	TOPIC	EXPECTED ATTENDEES (MAX 3)	OUTCOME
NOV. 3 2023*	Orientation Mentor Pairings International Marketing Global Mkt Entry & Sales	EXAMPLE Joan Silver, CEO; Charles Green, Sales Manager; Joaquin Red, VP of Marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet your support network that will help you grow your export business; get paired with an experienced mentor; Learn best practices in selecting foreign markets and marketing your products to customers in foreign markets
DEC. 1 2023	Export Compliance Global Supply Chain Regulatory Issues	EXAMPLE Kate Blue, Shipping Manager; Bob Red, CS Manager; Jon Black, Quality Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn how to navigate the compulsory rules for your product to enter foreign markets; Assure that your products arrive to market when your customers need it and how they expect it.
FEB. 16 2024*	External Report Briefing & Discussion International Management Global Strategy Development	EXAMPLE Joan Silver, CEO; Charles Green, Sales Manager; Joaquin Red, VP of Marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive the results of your international market selection study and analyze them with your mentor, begin building your international strategy, learn risk, finance, and organizational management techniques best for exporting.
APR. 12 2024	Trade Finance & Taxes Payment Mechanisms Currency Management	EXAMPLE Lisa Green, Accounting ; Tom Brown, Controller; Chris Gray, Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get to know common payment transactions with foreign buyers and regulations associated with those transactions.
MAY 16 - 17 2024*	Presentation and Feedback on International Strategy	EXAMPLE Joan Silver, CEO; Charles Green, Sales Manager; Joaquin Red, VP of Marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present the global strategy that you have been working on with your team and mentor to a panel of experts for feedback.
JUNE 13, 2024	Graduation Celebration	All participants welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Network and Recognition Event

* Denotes required attendance by C-Suite Management



2023-2024 GLOBALTARGET EXECUTIVE TEAM *pledge*

In order for companies to get the full benefit of GlobalTarget, the program requires executive buy in. For this reason, we require the CEO, President, Vice President, or a primary decision maker to attend the three strategy-building sessions of the program (initial, mid-year and concluding workshops).

✓ **NAME** _____

TITLE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

DIRECT PHONE _____

SIGNATURE _____



CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT *and* AGREEMENT

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN AS PART OF YOUR GLOBALTARGET APPLICATION.
All representatives attending GlobalTarget sessions must also complete this form.

This statement summarizes the responsibilities and obligations of each member of the GlobalTarget program sponsored by the Monte Ahuja College of Business at Cleveland State University (the "School"). Participants in the GlobalTarget program include representatives of various businesses, faculty, staff and administrators from the School (collectively, the "Parties"), each of whom will receive and have access to confidential business information belonging to the other Parties. It is the responsibility of every participant of GlobalTarget to protect the confidentiality of the Parties' business information and to make use of it only to the extent necessary for participation in the GlobalTarget program.

I, the undersigned, in consideration of my participation in the GlobalTarget program, hereby understand and agree as follows:

- 1) While participating in GlobalTarget, I have been and will be exposed to data, documents and other confidential business information of or about the Parties and their businesses, (hereinafter collectively "Confidential Business Information").
- 2) Subject to the provisions of the Ohio Public Records Act and validly issued subpoenas and court order, I agree that I will not, at any time during or after my participation in GlobalTarget, disclose to a third party any confidential business information or permit any person to examine or make copies of any confidential business information that comes into my possession.

✓ **NAME** _____

SIGNATURE _____

COMPANY NAME _____

DATE _____

✉ **PLEASE RETURN FORM VIA EMAIL TO:**
gbc@csuohio.edu