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Chris Damm is the Acting Director of the Monterey Bay Export Assistance Center and has served as a Trade Specialist at the San Jose Export Assistance Center for the last 10 years. (Simultaneous positions). Chris has directly helped 422 Monterey Bay and Silicon Valley companies make over \$602,545,228.00 in verifiable export sales. During his time with the Commercial Service, Chris has also completed several limited duty assignments abroad, filling temporary Foreign Service Officer vacancies at several U.S. Embassies and Consulates including: China (5 assignments), South Africa, Taiwan and Malaysia. In recognition of his outstanding client work and service to the USDOC, in 2006 Chris was the first ever recipient of the prestigious "Timothy J. Hauser" Memorial Award, the highest monetary award given by the U.S. Department of Commerce. In 1999 Chris was a co-recipient of the meritorious "Hammer Award", issued by then Vice President Al Gore. Chris speaks Mandarin Chinese and has a Political Science / International Relations degree from the University of California Santa Barbara. Chris has studied abroad at Kawerau College in New Zealand, the Stanford Center at the National Taiwan University in Taipei, Taiwan and was a visiting scholar at Qinghua University in Beijing, China