

## Mission

The mission of Tampa Bay International Business Council (TBIBC) is to foster international trade and business and to put Tampa Bay on the map, through diversity, collaboration and innovation, based on our unique membership of bi-national chambers and international businesses and communities.

## Vision

Our vision is to be a leading voice of international business and communities in the Tampa Bay area and the State of Florida.



Tampa Bay International  
Business Council  
is a Florida non-profit organization

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## Upcoming Events:

Winter Event  
Westin Hotel  
Tampa, Florida  
January 19, 2012

Sixth Annual International Business  
Summit at Rusty Pelican  
Tampa, Florida  
March 29, 2012

Tampa Bay International  
Business Council

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## History and Context

The Tampa Bay International Business Council has existed for over 50 years. The Tampa Bay region is differentiated from other regions in Florida by our extraordinarily diverse demographics. These include about 130 different national and ethnic groups. Many factors have gradually contributed to this process, including the MacDill Air Force Base, which has brought Tampa Bay into long-term contact with 60 different countries, Florida's largest port, The Port of Tampa, which is directly connected with world commerce, and University of South Florida, which brings world wide talents to our region.

This diversity offers extensive national networks, innovative perspectives, cultural fluency and worldwide contacts. This wide range of skills, creativity and global knowledge can power various types of regional growth, and can extend Tampa Bay's prominence in international commerce.

## Our Members

**British-American Business Council of Tampa Bay**  
**Caribbean-American Chamber of Commerce of Tampa Bay**  
**Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Tampa Bay**  
**French-American Business Council of West Florida**  
**Indo-US Chamber of Commerce**  
**International Business Board at University of South Florida**  
**Philippine-American Chamber of Commerce of Tampa Bay**  
**Russian-American Business Association**  
**Scandinavian Trade Association**  
**Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce of Tampa Bay Florida**  
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