



# SelectGlobal, LLC

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## Welcome!

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## Reflections and Connections: Message of Gratitude and Best Wishes

As we look forward to a new year, we also welcome another rotation of Trade Commissioners and Consuls General. This year, I must bid farewell to Ryan Francis, Consul General at the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago. I look forward to meeting the incoming representative from the Philippines.

He is departing to take on the role of Executive Director/Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Office of Financial Management Services at the Department of Foreign Affairs in Manila. It's fitting that his last day in Chicago, marked by horrible cold, mirrored the day he arrived in early 2019 during the polar vortex.

Best of luck in your new role and enjoy the 80-degree weather ahead!

Michael Edgar,

Founder and CEO, SelectGlobal, LLC

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## Upcoming Events

### ITAGC Event

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

### **STATE OF PLAY: GLOBAL TRADE OUTLOOK 2025**

*Presentation by: Isabelle Icso Senior Director, International Policy*

*U.S. Chamber of Commerce*



Special 25th Anniversary luncheon program sponsored by the International Trade Association of Greater Chicago. Presentation by Isabelle Icso, Senior Director, International Policy, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, who will provide an overview of what to expect on trade policy in 2025, including issues related to U.S.-China relations, tariffs, the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, Congress, and more. She will offer insights into how U.S. companies are approaching these issues and the short- and long-term implications in this space.

If you are in the Chicago metropolitan area, this is one of the best opportunities for networking with International Trade Commissioners, EDOs, and FDI Service professionals.

[Tickets and more information can be found here](#)



## Business Facilities Event

April 9-11, 2025

LiveXchange

A promotional graphic for the Business Facilities LIVE XCHANGE event. The background features a blurred image of a colorful Mardi Gras mask. The text is overlaid on a dark blue curved banner at the bottom. In the top left corner, the event logo and dates are displayed. A circular portrait of Michael Edgar is positioned on the right side of the banner.

**Business Facilities**  
**LIVE XCHANGE**  
WHERE SITE SELECTIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPERS CONNECT  
April 9-11, 2025 | New Orleans, LA

JOIN ME IN  
NEW ORLEANS AT  
BUSINESS FACILITIES LIVE XCHANGE

Register at [BFLiveXchange.com/Attend](https://BFLiveXchange.com/Attend)

Michael Edgar  
SelectGlobal, LLC

Company executives, corporate real estate professionals, and location advisors planning an expansion or relocation project face a significant challenge in deciding where to place their business.

Whether your company is looking for sites for corporate headquarters, data centers, manufacturing facilities, or assembly plants, finding the right location is a difficult, time-consuming, and costly exercise.

Business Facilities LiveXchange addresses this challenge by directly connecting site selectors with economic developers from across North America. You'll get the location information you need—direct from the source—to make the most informed decisions possible for your company.

[For more information on LiveXchange click here](#)



## Announcements

**FDI Blog Chain Series Update by SelectGlobal, LLC**



In 2024, we introduced SelectGlobal's FDI Chain Blog Series, titled “How to Invest Locally and Internationally: Your FDI Roadmap - The Ultimate Guide to Investing in the USA.” This comprehensive series aims to provide invaluable insights and guidance on navigating the complexities of foreign direct investment, both within the United States and globally. Whether you are a seasoned investor or just starting out, this series promises to equip you with the knowledge you need to make informed investment decisions.

To get the complete list of this blog series, check this out: [FDI Chain Blog Series Table of Contents](#).

**Stay tuned for more informative topics in our FDI Series!**

Visit our [SelectGlobal Blog Site](#) for the latest updates.



# Event Recaps

## **MEETING THE GLOBAL CHALLENGE: 2025 PERSPECTIVE ON AMERICAN MANUFACTURING RENAISSANCE**

**Presentation by Haydn Powell Founder & Chief Customer Officer Applix.ai**



ITAGC hosted a full house discussing the opportunities for American reshoring. Over 40 people attended, and the post-event networking lasted for hours. ITAGC hosts events monthly. If you are in the Chicago metropolitan area, these are excellent opportunities for networking with Trade Commissioners, EDOs, and FDI Service professionals.



## **2024 Nostalgia: A Year of Unforgettable Highlights**

# 2024

YEAR IN REVIEW



From groundbreaking technological innovations to profound shifts in global dynamics, 2024 offered a rich tapestry of experiences that shaped the world we know today. This year of nostalgia invites us to revisit the past and extract valuable lessons and inspiration for the future. Let's take a step back and revisit SelectGlobal's 2024 highlights.

## Why SelectGlobal?



## Why SelectGlobal?

SelectGlobal transforms how mid-sized companies expand globally by creating meaningful connections between businesses and communities. We mitigate the complexity of international expansion by managing everything from market entry to community integration while building lasting partnerships that benefit both our clients and local economies. Our extensive network of business and government relationships, combined with deep cross-sector expertise, drives your expansion toward sustainable growth and positive community impact.

Ready to begin your global expansion journey? Visit [selectglobal.net](http://selectglobal.net) to explore our approach, or schedule a consultation with our team to discuss your vision for international growth.

Visit the [SelectGlobal, LLC](http://selectglobal.net) website to learn more

If you were forwarded this newsletter from a friend and would like to formally opt-in to SelectGlobal, LLC, and be part of the process of bringing together businesses, municipalities, and capital to assemble new ventures, projects, and foreign direct investment to help rebuild and redevelop communities, please join us!

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