

Representing the international trade industry in Florida.

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2022 Membership Kit



# WHO WE ARE



The **Florida Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association, Inc. (FCBF)**, is the Florida trade association for industry professionals that serve the import and export community. We convene industry leaders and agency officials to collaborate and gain from each other's experience. We advance our industry through public-policy advocacy and education. And through actionable training and thought leadership, we propel our industry forward to foster both economic growth and increased credibility. Our aim is bold but clear: To reimagine and transform Florida's trade and logistics industry ecosystem — and equip aspiring professionals to succeed in it.

FCBF was founded in 1960 by a handful of brokers & forwarders in the Miami area. FCBF has since grown into the most influential and active representative body of the Florida freight forwarding and customs brokerage community. Through our numerous committees of volunteer professionals, the FCBF represents our industry on matters that directly affect the trade arena.

At FCBF, we are committed to fostering communications between the trade community and federal agencies in order to expand Florida's trading communities at the local, state, and national level. FCBF seeks to maximize the ability of the state of Florida to effectively compete for international trade resources and to minimize the barriers for its members. By hosting open dialogue with various state and federal agencies, we help shape and develop international trade policies.

The FCBF offices are headquartered in the city of Doral, a thriving hub for international trade in our state. FCBF works closely with the different governmental agencies to provide current and informative updates and agency-related policies that are shared through FCBF channels.

FCBF members represent the various facets of the international trade industry, each an authority in their specialized field. Our core members are licensed Customs Brokers, Licensed NVOCC/OTI- Foreign Freight Forwarders, TSA-Certified Indirect Air Carriers and/or IATA cargo agents.

Members also include:

- ▶ Registered indirect carriers, steamship companies, airlines, trucking firms, railroad firms, stevedores, terminal operators, port associations, and port authorities;
- ▶ Law firms, CPAs, insurance agencies, realtors, and other service professionals;
- ▶ Financial institutions;
- ▶ Governmental agencies on the local, state, and federal levels;
- ▶ Trade-related affiliate organizations
- ▶ Chambers of commerce
- ▶ And many more!

# ACTION & ADVOCACY

## VOLUNTEER-LED COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

### **CUSTOMS COMMITTEE**

The Customs Committee works in partnership with FCBF members to find solutions to import trade issues. We discuss upcoming changes in Customs directives, voice concerns with CBP and other PGAs to advocate for all sides, seeking efficient and effective ways to work collaboratively to grow our industry in the state of Florida, as well as nationally.

### **FREIGHT FORWARDING COMMITTEE**

The Freight Forwarding Committee is responsible for driving productive conversation with regard to international freight forwarders and the issues we face. We meet on a regular basis to discuss government directives, local Port issues, compliance concerns, and much more. We maintain a proactive relationship with the FMC, TSA, and other regulatory agencies to uphold the trade.

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Driven by one of our main tenets—to educate our Members—the Education Committee is focused on creating and showcasing opportunities for member companies and staff to stay up-to-date on regulations, processes, and best practices, as well as better understand trending topics and know when action is appropriate.

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

FCBF is created by our Members, for our Members. The Membership Committee drives association growth by identifying and engaging potential members and colleagues in Trade throughout the state with innovative value propositions of Membership, as well as helping them understand which committees and opportunities make sense for advancing. This committee pre-approves membership applications before presenting to the FCBF Board of Directors.

### **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (GAC)**

The GAC works with local, state, and federal legislators to ensure Florida has a unified voice at the table when it comes to issues involving imports and exports moving through our state.

We coordinate with the annual NCBFAA Government Affairs Conference in order to make appropriate appointments on Capitol Hill, compile white papers and documentation for those meetings, as well as maintain awareness within the FCBF general membership as to current affairs and issues affecting our community.

### **SAFETY + SECURITY COMMITTEE**

The Safety and Security Committee works to monitor private and public supply chain security initiatives and oversees FCBF's official response. We also serve as the FCBF liaison to organizations involved in these efforts, ensuring an open line of communication between our members and relevant stakeholders. We also work to present the most up-to-date information and best practices to the FCBF membership.

### **OVERLAND COMMITTEE**

Understanding that the role of trucking and rail firms is crucial to inland trade, the Overland committee convenes to discuss issues involving routing, release, and pick-up of cargo, as well as other trends and topics of interest to the international trade community.

### **PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Comprised of former presidents of the Association, the President's Advisory Committee works to support the current FCBF president in their role of leading the association forward. We also lead the charge on building strategic international relationships, identifying opportunities to further FCBF's positive impact on global trade.



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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

If you're involved in export or import, land, air, or ocean transport, Customs brokerage, or freight forwarding—or you intend to conduct business with foreign trade intermediaries, the Florida Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association, Inc. (FCBF) is for you! We are the leading trade association of the Customs brokerage and freight forwarding industry throughout the state of Florida.

### Benefits of Membership

- Professional development opportunities through industry-specific seminars and conferences;
- Monthly meetings and networking events for industry professionals and community leaders to address local, state, national, and international trade-related issues;
- Opportunity to participate in numerous industry-related committees;
- Complimentary company listing in the Association's annual Resource Guide and online at [fcbf.com](http://fcbf.com);
- ...AND MUCH MORE!

### Applicant Information:

\*COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\*STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ \*CITY/ST/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

\*MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT): \_\_\_\_\_

\*TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ \*NAME OF OFFICER: \_\_\_\_\_

\*EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

\*ALTERNATE EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ COMPANY WEBSITE: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*REQUIRED**

**APPLICATION FOR:**  
(SELECT ONE)

REGULAR (\$350)     ASSOCIATE (\$450)     AFFILIATE (\$550)

**NO APPLICATION WILL BE PROCESSED WITHOUT COPIES OF LICENSE(S) AND PAYMENT**

### BUSINESS ENGAGED AS:

<input type="checkbox"/> OCEAN FREIGHT FORWARDER	<input type="checkbox"/> TRADE ORGANIZATION
<input type="checkbox"/> AIR FREIGHT FORWARDER	<input type="checkbox"/> STEAMSHIP LINE
<input type="checkbox"/> CUSTOMS BROKER	<input type="checkbox"/> AIRLINE
<input type="checkbox"/> IATA AGENT	<input type="checkbox"/> INTL TRADE ATTORNEY / BANK
<input type="checkbox"/> NVOCC	<input type="checkbox"/> TRUCKING
	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: _____

### CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP:

REGULAR: Licensed Customs brokers, freight forwarders, NVOCC and/or IATA cargo agents in the State of Florida

ASSOCIATE: All other Florida firms supporting those who would qualify as Regular Members.

AFFILIATE: Organizations and agencies not in Florida

Company contact to whom correspondence should be addressed \_\_\_\_\_

\*PAYMENT ENCLOSED IN THE AMOUNT OF: \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK #: \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT CARD #: \_\_\_\_\_

EXP. DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ MM / YY    CVV: \_\_\_\_\_    BILLING ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME ON CARD: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

REFERRED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME / COMPANY

**\*\*I GIVE FCBF PERMISSION TO PUBLISH MY AND/OR MY COMPANY'S INFORMATION IN ALL CURRENT AND FUTURE PUBLICATIONS RELATED TO THE ASSOCIATION DURING MY TERM AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER:**

SIGNATURE / DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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