





**Sid Miller**Texas Agriculture Commissioner & SUSTA Board President



## Webinar Agenda

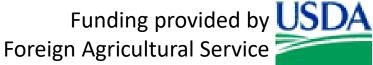
- ★ Welcome: Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller
- ★ About SUSTA
- ★ Global Events
- **★** CostShare
- ★ Creating MySUSTA Account
- ★ Completing CostShare Application



#### **SUSTA Member States**

- Alabama
- **★** Arkansas
- ★ Florida
- ★ Georgia
- ★ Kentucky
- ★ Louisiana
- ★ Maryland
- ★ Mississippi
- ★ North Carolina
- ★ Puerto Rico
- ★ South Carolina
- **★** Tennessee
- **Texas**
- ★ Virginia
- ★ West Virginia







### Company eligibility requirements:

- ★ Headquartered in SUSTA region
- ★ Small by SBA standards (Up to 3 x SBA limit through ATP)
- ★ Adequate resources and product supply
- ★ Annual sales minimum (~\$50,000)



### Company types we work with:

- ★ Manufacturers (including private label)
- ★ Growers
- ★ Farmers cooperatives
- Export management companies



### **Product eligibility requirements:**

- Products have a brand name on them
- ★ Product at least 50% U.S. agriculture content
- ★ U.S. origin statement on product (can sticker)
- ✓ **Product of** USA, America or Texas (name of any state spelled out)
- ✓ **Grown in** USA, America, or Texas (name of any state spelled out)
- ✓ Made in USA, America, Texas (name of any state spelled out)



## Product types we work with:

- ★ Consumer-ready retail foods
- ★ Snack foods
- Sauces & condiments
- ★ Seasonings
- ★ Fresh produce
- ★ Seafood

- Beverages, including alcohol
- Horticulture (nursery products, mulch, wood chips)
- ★ Pet foods
- Supplements
- ★ All-natural health & beauty products



### **SUSTA's Core Programs:**

## Global Events

Discover opportunities to meet foreign buyers for your products at home and abroad.



# 50% CostShare

Half reimbursement of eligible marketing expenses to promote your products in foreign markets.









#### **Inbound Trade Missions:**

SUSTA brings qualified foreign buyers to the U.S. to meet oneon-one with our participants.

- Most of SUSTA's inbound trade missions are \$25.
- ★ China/Hong Kong ITM to Texas November 17 – 18, 2020

**Global Events** 



#### Outbound Trade Missions:

U.S. companies travel to a foreign country to meet one-one with qualified foreign buyers. In addition, SUSTA organizes tours of various grocery stores and retail outlets as well as in-depth market presentations.

- Most of SUSTA's Outbound Missions are as low as \$400 and include either lodging for one person or one roundtrip international flight.
- Companies can apply to CostShare to receive half of participation fee as well other eligible expenses not covered by the event.

**Global Events** 



# Pavilions at International Trade Shows:

SUSTA pavilions at roughly 20 trade shows each year worldwide

- ★ Goal is to provide a turn key option so that U.S. company can focus on promoting their products
- ★ Companies can apply to CostShare to receive half of participation fee as well other eligible expenses not covered by the event.



**Global Events** 

## Global Events: We have gone virtual!

<b>SUSTA</b> Sponsored	Apr 14 - Jul 21, 2020	Europe Virtual Consultation	Virtual
<b>SUSTA</b> Sponsored	Apr 21 - Jun 30, 2020	Mexico Virtual Consultations	Virtual
<b>SUSTA</b> Sponsored	Apr 22 - Jul 29, 2020	Canada Virtual Consultation	Virtual
<b>SUSTA</b> Sponsored	Apr 27 - Jun 30, 2020	India Virtual Consultation	Virtual
<b>SUSTA</b> Sponsored	May 6 - Jun 29, 2020	China Virtual Consultation	Virtual
<b>SUSTA</b> Sponsored	May 7 - Jun 30, 2020	Hong Kong Virtual Consultation	Virtual
<b>SUSTA</b> Sponsored	Jun 15 - 26, 2020	Canada Virtual Trade Mission	Virtual
<b>SUSTA</b> Sponsored	Jun 24, 2020	China & Hong Kong: Overview & Update	Free Webinar
SUSTA Sponsored	Aug 20, 2020	Mexico Virtual Trade Mission 2020	Virtual



#### Virtual Trade Missions

- Market introduction and customized market assessment
- Meet one-on-one with foreign buyers via Zoom
- ★ \*Reimbursement: Sample shipping costs with proper documentation









\*Shipping reimbursement amount varies depending on virtual trade mission



#### Virtual Consultations

- Free one-on-one consultation
- Tailored to your company and products
- ZOOM or Conference Call
- Available Consultation Markets: Europe,Canada, Mexico, India, China & Hong Kong



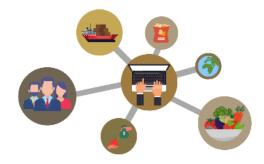




### **Webinars**

- Free weekly webinars
- Expert guest speakers
- ★ In-depth discussions on current trends
- Question & answer time







### **Next Webinar:**



In 2019, China was the third largest export market for USA agriculture while the USA also exported \$3 Billion of U.S. agriculture to Hong Kong.

Interested in exporting to China or Hong Kong?
Register and join us for this *free* webinar

Wednesday, June 24 at 8:30 am (Central Standard Time)





### Eligible Promotional Activities

- Advertising
- Website development
- Packaging/label changes
- In-store displays
- Freight (samples, marketing materials)
- Direct mailing to foreign buyers
- ★ In store demonstrations and food service promotions
- ★ Exhibition at international trade shows & approved U.S. trade shows
- Travel expenses (when exhibiting at international trade show or outbound trade mission)
- International trade seminars sponsored by company
- ★ Part-time contractors for trade seminars, in-store demos and trade shows
- Promotional give away items (up to \$2/item)
- Printed sales materials
- Public relations Press kits

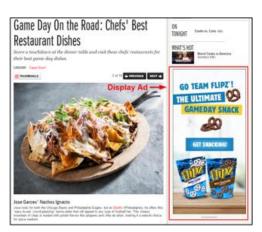








### How To Use CostShare Now!



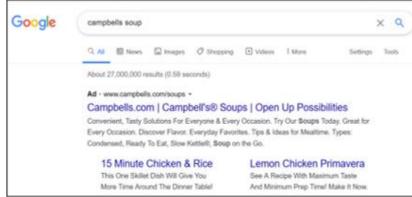












Must have eligible MADE IN origin statement & brand(s) on all promotions **U.S.A.** 

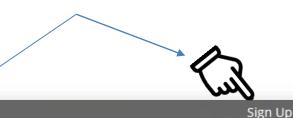






## **Getting Started**

Create a MySUSTA account at www.susta.org



Help



HOME

WHO WE ARE

WHAT WE DO

**FVFNTS** 

RESOURCES

CONTACT

Login

### Step 1: Operating Details

**Regional & Product Focus Operating Details Company Information** Personal Contact Informati. All fields are required except those listed as (optional). Yes Is your company a U.S. Supplier? ( ) No Is your company an export broker or trading company? Yes No Is your company currently exporting? Yes No Yes Do your company's products contain at least 50% U.S. ( ) No agricultural content? (exclusive of added water and



MySUSTA Account

### Step 2: Regional & Product Focus

Operating Details	Regional & Product Focus	Company Information	Personal Contact Informati
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**Note:** When you get to the Regional & Product Page, make sure you select at least one 6-digit HS Code to give us an idea of your products an so that we can match you with trade leads:

Fish And Crustaceans	03	*	✓ Cereal, Flour, Starch Or Milk Preparations	19	~
Dairy Products	04	*	Malt Extract, Food Preparations	1901	*
Live Trees And Other Plants	06	*	✓ Pasta, Couscous, Etc	1902	<b>*</b>
Edible Vegetables	07	*	Uncooked Egg Pasta	190211	
			Uncooked Pasta	190219	
Edible Fruit And Nuts	08	*	Stuffed Pasta	190220	
Coffee, Tea, Mate And Spices	09	*	Pasta Other	190230	
Cereals	10	*	Couscous	190240	
Milling Products	11	*	Tapioca	1903	*
			Cereal Food	1904	×



Select program(s) of interest: 50% CostShare and/or Global Events



Global Events: If eligible, you can register for events.

CostShare: If eligible, you will gain access to CostShare application.



### Must Re-Certify Account Every Year

This pop-up will appear every August 1<sup>st</sup>. At this time, you can re-certify your account details to get approved for the following year. SUSTA will re-review account each year.





### Apply for CostShare





My Events





















### 2020 Application

Contact Profiles

Company Profile

Marketing Plans

Product Info

Final Review

#### **Navigating Your Application**

Welcome to the 50% CostShare application. Please fill out each of the following sections completely.

After completing each section, please take time to review your entries. After final submission, you will not be able to make any changes.

To begin, please choose an icon above or one of the following buttons:

**Contact Profiles** 

Company Profile

**Marketing Plans** 

**Product Info** 



CostShare Application

#### **Marketing Plans** 29:36 To Save Contact Profiles Company Profile **Marketing Plans** Product Info Activity Summary: Mexico Please refer to the 50% CostShare manual for eligible expe International Trade Estimated Costs Please fill in information for all promotional activities your company will conduct in this country. Enter the total U.S Shows/Outbound Trade reimbursement request amount) for each promotional activity you plan on doing. Be as descriptive as possible in 1 Missions Note: If your company does not participate in a category, please leave both fields blank. Please refer to the 50% CostShare manual for eligible expe Packaging/Label Description of Each Individual Activity Promotional Activity Estimated Cost Changes Please refer to the 50% CostShare manual for eligible expense descri Advertising \$ Estimated Costs Please refer to the 50% CostShare manual for eligible expe Point of Sale Materials Direct Mailing to Foreign Please refer to the 50% CostShare manual for eligible expense descri Buyers Please refer to the 50% CostShare manual for eligible expe Estimated Costs Press Kits Please refer to the 50% CostShare manual for eligible expense descri Freight \$ \$ Please refer to the 50% CostShare manual for eligible expe Promotional Giveaways Please refer to the 50% CostShare manual for eligible expense descri In-Store Demonstrations/In-Store Displays Please refer to the 50% CostShare manual for eligible expense descri International Trade Please refer to the 50% CostShare manual for eligible expe Temporary Displays Seminars

Temporary Part-Time Contractors Hourly

Wages



CostShare Application

Please refer to the 50% CostShare manual for eligible expe

### 50% CostShare Application

**First Step:** Approved MySUSTA account & CostShare consultation (if new to program)

**Second Step:** Apply annually for funds to implement your international marketing strategy.

Minimum annual request - \$2,500

Maximum annual request - \$300,000

- \$250 application fee
- ★ Pay SUSTA 6% administrative fee on reimbursement request
- Both fees are non-refundable.

Third Step: Sign your contract!

- Must apply for CostShare before incurring expenses.
- ★ SUSTA cannot retro-actively reimburse for expenses done in the past.



**Fourth Step:** Conduct Approved Marketing Promotions



**Sixth Step :** Submit Expense Claim to SUSTA



**Fifth Step:** Collect Receipts, Invoices & Proof of Activity



**Seventh Step:** Receive reimbursement



What happens after you sign your contract?
The fun part!

Next steps!



### **Contact**



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