

## Export Awareness for Minority & Women-Owned Businesses Wednesday, February 9, 2022 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



Aerek Stephens, Export Fiancé Manager of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM Bank) Regional Export Promotion Program (REPP). The REPP program brings state, county, local, and non-profit economic development entities together with EXIM in an alliance designed to expand U.S. export sales. Membership has grown from 36 members to 61 members since it's relaunch in August 2016. We currently have members in 38states and 2 U.S territories. Referrals from REPP members have accounted for over 20 million dollars in Small Business Authorizations for EXIM.

He is also part of EXIM Minority, Women and Veteran Owned Businesses Division (MWOB). They work closely with other government agencies and business development associations that have a minority/women/veteran international trade focus to help spread the word about EXIM financing and create opportunities for export-ready U.S. businesses.

Aerek represents EXIM bank as an Ex-officio member of Nasbite International Board of Governors.

Mr. Stephens is a graduate of Elizabeth City State University and has more than 20 years of banking experience. He has held leadership positions in Project Management, Relationship Management, and Lending and Collections.