

## SPEAKER INFORMATION

**Date:** *Tuesday, October 25, 2022*  
**Event:** *“U.S. Trade Policy Agenda & Federal Assistance Programs”*  
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Michael Thompson is an international trade specialist in the Office of Material Industries at the U.S. Department of Commerce. His experience includes working on the Concrete Masonry Checkoff Implementation Team, conducting outreach to the concrete masonry industry to build awareness of the Concrete Checkoff referendum, and soliciting applications for membership on the Concrete Masonry Board.

Michael also served as the director of the Trade Fair Certification Program, which certified industry exhibits at over 120 trade events in more than 30 countries. He coordinated U.S. commercial service support for U.S. exporters at these exhibits.

Before starting his career at the Department of Commerce in 1994, Michael served nine years as a field artillery officer with assignments in South Korea; Honduras; Panama; Saudi Arabia; Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Fort Riley, Kansas; and Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Michael earned a bachelor's degree in military science from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point; a master's degree in international transactions from George Mason University; and a master's degree in management from Webster University.