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Aaron Brickman is a recognized expert on foreign direct investment (FDI) attraction, with 20 years of experience building and leading investment and trade programs in government and the private sector. As senior vice president for strategy & development, Aaron is responsible for efforts to forge new relationships with global companies, the diplomatic community and strategic partners around the world.

Prior to joining OFII, Aaron was the founder and deputy executive director of SelectUSA, a global program of the U.S. Department of Commerce established by executive order of President Obama, charged with promoting and facilitating FDI in the United States. During that tenure, Aaron helped secure SelectUSA's first-ever congressional budget appropriation, led program strategy and operations – reporting to Commerce leadership and the White House, advised hundreds of cities and states on best practices, and acted as ombudsman for companies encountering federal policy or regulatory problems.

Aaron also created and led SelectUSA's predecessor program in the Bush Administration, Invest in America. He worked on energy matters at the federal level, overall working in Commerce's International Trade Administration from 2002-2015.

Before joining Commerce, Aaron worked in international economic consulting and strategy, dealing extensively with trade and investment policy. He advised in the planning and operations of national and sub-national investment and trade promotion efforts, including as a resident advisor to the Government of Mozambique. Mr. Brickman also worked as a senior consultant for a Chicago-based electronic commerce firm specializing in international logistics fulfillment.

His work has taken him to more than 60 countries. Mr. Brickman is frequently asked to comment on investment issues related to the United States; appearing in numerous print and broadcast media including *Al-Jazeera*, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, BBC Radio, CNBC, CCTV, *Il Sole 24 Ore*, *Los Angeles Times*, NHK, *South China Morning Post*, *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, *USA Today*, *The Washington Post*, and *Yomiuri Shimbun*. He is also an adjunct professor at Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy, teaching a course on foreign direct investment in the United States.

Mr. Brickman holds a master's degree in international relations from the University of Chicago and a bachelor's degree from American University in Washington, DC. He also studied economic growth at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. He lives in Maryland with his wife and family.