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Mr. Rick Ortiz is a career Foreign Service Officer with the United States Commercial Service, International Trade Administration and U.S. Department of Commerce. He is currently the Regional Senior Commercial Officer based at the American Consulate General in Casablanca and covers Morocco, Algeria, and manages a partner post in Tunis, Tunisia.

Mr. Ortiz acted as the Senior Advisor to the Iraqi Ministry of Industry and Minerals, Baghdad, Iraq from May 2003 until January 2004. In February 2004, he received the Commerce Department’s Gold Medal Award for his participation on Iraq Reconstruction.

In 1998, Mr. Ortiz was commissioned by President Bill Clinton into the Foreign Service of the United States of America. His first diplomatic tour was as Commercial Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Bogotá, Colombia from 1998 to 2000. In June 2000, Rick was assigned as the first permanent Senior Commercial Officer to Amman, Jordan, to open a new office for the Commercial Service.

From 1990 to 1995, Mr. Ortiz held numerous designations with the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C., including account executive and delegate to the OECD Industry Committee in Paris, France. He also became the manager of the Market Research Branch, Export Promotion Services from 1995 to 1998.

Mr. Ortiz is a Presidential Management Fellow, former American Field Service exchange student, a certified American Council on Exercise Group Fitness Instructor, and a certified PADI scuba diver.

Mr. Ortiz completed his Bachelor of Arts in International Relations Management from Claremont McKenna College in 1983. After five successful years in international sales and marketing throughout Latin American, the Middle East and Africa, he obtained his Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School of International Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University in 1990.