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David A. Hamod is President and CEO of the National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce (NUSACC), a position he accepted in January 2004. Since its inception nearly 40 years ago, NUSACC has been the preeminent organization for fostering trade and investment between the United States and the 22 countries of the Arab world.

David has been a prominent and active member of the U.S. business community for two decades. Prior to joining NUSACC, he served as President of Intercom International Consultants, a Washington-based business consulting firm that he founded in 1988. Intercom has served as an advisor to numerous business groups, including more than 30 U.S. companies. As President of Intercom, David served on the International Policy Committee of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for more than a decade.

During the past 15 years, as U.S. Representative of the American Business Council of the Gulf Countries (ABCGC), David served as the Washington-based voice of the American business community in the Arabian Gulf. He played an instrumental role in the success of the U.S.-GCC Business Dialogue, as well as the U.S.-GCC Standards Cooperation Program.

David has worked on business issues in the U.S. Congress since 1985, and he is very familiar with every facet of the legislative process. He has testified before the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives on a number of occasions and has played a role in just about every major piece of trade-related legislation to work its way through Congress in the past decade. In 1997, in a ceremony on Capitol Hill, David was honored with a "Patriot of the Expatriates Award" for his outstanding commitment to U.S. international business competitiveness.

As a result of his prominent role in the U.S. private sector, David has developed expertise in transparency and best commercial practices. As a consultant to the Development Center of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), which is playing a lead role in promoting good business ethics internationally, David has served as a liaison to such groups as Transparency International, World Bank Group, and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

In recent years, David has held leadership positions in and/or served as a consultant to such business organizations as: the Greater Washington Board of Trade; the American Chambers of Commerce in Egypt, Lebanon, and Canada; World Federation of Americans Abroad; Small Business Exporters Association; and the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE).

Prior to founding Intercom, David worked for: the Brookings Institution, one of America's leading think tanks; Neill and Company, a consulting firm that advised Arab nations about dealing with the U.S. Government; International Business Machines (IBM), one of America's largest Information Technology (IT) companies; the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), part of the U.S. Government that protects the investments of U.S. companies in foreign nations; and *The New York Times*, one of America's leading newspapers.

David is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (M.A.) and the University of Iowa (B.A.), which named him a "Distinguished Young Alumnus." A member of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Mr. Hamod has been the recipient of 15 scholarships, two of which took him to Yale University and the American University in Cairo, Egypt.