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Matt Lantz serves as Vice President for Global Access for Bryant Christie Inc. (BCI)., a United States international agriculture trade policy consulting firm.

Matt works to open foreign markets for agricultural commodities and addresses international agricultural policy concerns on behalf of BCI's clients. For over 24 years, Matt has worked to resolve phytosanitary, sanitary, tariff, labeling, and food additive issues.

Matt is a leading voice on how pesticide Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) affect agricultural trade. On behalf of BCI's clients, Matt has navigated pesticide regulatory transitions in Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, Australia, Canada, and the European Union and ensured these transitions have not hindered exports. In 2017, Matt coauthored a book on pesticide maximum residue levels (MRLs) entitled *Declining International Cooperation on Pesticide Regulation*.

Matt serves on the Steering Committee for the San Francisco MRL conference and is frequently asked to moderate panels on the subject. He frequently speaks on trade and MRLs, including serval times at the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva.

Matt currently serves on USDA's Agriculture Technical Advisory Committee (ATAC) for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables. This group advises the U.S. government on agriculture trade issues. In 2021, Matt became a lifetime member of the Council of Foreign Relations.

Prior to joining BCI, Matt founded and managed a program at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government dedicated to promoting the development of Russian political parties. He also worked on international issues on Capitol Hill for the late Senator Richard Lugar.

Matt earned his Bachelor's degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and his Master's degree from Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). Matt was a Rotary Foundation Scholar to Monash University in Melbourne, Australia where he studied Pacific Basin foreign policy. Matt lives in Seattle.