
IV. SERVICES FOR EXPORTERS

Banking

Although there are no Canadian banks with representatives in the Twin Cities, banks in Canada have international departments to assist exporters shipping goods abroad. There are three banks in the Twin Cities with international departments that can handle foreign currency and a full range of foreign transactions. Please refer to Section VII of this booklet for a listing of prominent banks and customs brokers serving this market territory.

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