

Y2K Preparedness Hot Spots

Most Canadian businesses have been working successfully to address the year 2000 problems at home. Here are some hot spots to check out Y2K preparedness and information in your major markets abroad.

INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

World Bank

- The World Bank's Information for Development Program (infoDev): <http://www.worldbank.org/y2k/>
 - Applications from National Governments for grants for assistance:
[http://www.worldbank.org/infodev/y2k/Y2k Guidelines.htm](http://www.worldbank.org/infodev/y2k/Y2k%20Guidelines.htm)
 - The Tool Kit:
<http://www.worldbank.org/infodev/y2k/toolkit.htm>
- Bank for International Settlements: <http://www.bis.org>

International Organizations

- O.E.C.D.: <http://www.oecd.org/puma/gvrnance/it/y2k9810.pdf>
U.N.: <http://www.itu.ch/y2k/>

GEOGRAPHIC EXPERTISE

E.U.: <http://www.ispo.cec.be/y2keuro/year2000.htm>

U.K.:

Task Force 2000: <http://www.taskforce2000.co.uk>

U.S.A.

Links to various U.S. sites detailing contingency planning for their organisations:
<http://www.itpolicy.gsa.gov/mks/yr2000/contplng.htm>

OPINION PIECES

Peter de Jager: <http://www.year2000.com>

HELPFUL ARTICLES

<http://www.itpolicy.gsa.gov/mks/yr2000/y2karts.htm>

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The economies of Sinaloa, Colima and Nayarit are predominantly agricultural and tourism-related.

Sector-specific opportunities

Jalisco and the surrounding states offer good commercial opportunities for Canadian firms. The Canadian Consulate in Guadalajara has identified the following seven industry sectors for which it has established strategies and will be developing plans subject to the interest of Canadian exporters:

- Advanced Manufacturing Technologies and Industrial Machinery
- Agriculture and Agri-Food
- Education in Canada
- Information Technologies, Software
- Information Technologies, Manufacturing of Electronic Products

- Environment Equipment and Services
- Mining Exploration and Development.

Make your interest known

The Consulate already has a range of market reports in these and other sectors. However, before developing and implementing its plans, the Consulate needs your

help: it wants to know your interests in doing business in Western Mexico.

Trade officers at the Consulate want to hear from you. Contact them directly concerning your interests, requests for trade assistance, market reports, etc., tel.: (011-52-3) 615-6215/6266/6270/5642, fax: (011-52-3) 615-8665, e-mail: guadmbx@canada.org.mx

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