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GUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT OF EXPORT PROMOTION PROGRAM AT MISSIONS ABROAD FOR FISCAL YEAR 87 FORECAST OF KEY ACTIVITIES AND ANTICIPATED RESULTS STATED IN MISSION'S ANNUAL PLAN

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PLANNING:

TRACKING:

ACTIVITIES PROPOSED IN POST PLAN:

ALL SUB-SECTORS

INCREASE CONTACTS TO DEVELOP RELATIOSHIPS WITH REGIONAL TRADE ASSOCIATIONS E.G. ELECTRONIC REP ASSOC., TWIN CITY PURCH. MGMT. ASSOC., MIDWEST IMPORTERS ASSOC.

EXPAND CORPORATE LIASON CALLS TO EXECUTIVES AND PURCHASING MANAGEMENT IN TARGETED FIRMS LOCATED IN TWIN CITIES AND OTHER STATES IN TERRIROTY

DEVELOP TRADE INFORMATION MAILING ON REGULAR PERIODIC BASIS USING "NEWSLETTER" FORMAT.

HOLD SALES REPRESENTATIVE CONFERENCES IN IOWA AND NEBRASKA.

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN QUARTER:

QUARTER: 1 A)ORGANIZED CDN EXHIBIT AT MIDWEST ELECTRONICS EXPO'87. B)INCREASE CONTACTS WITH REGIONAL TRADE ASSOCIATIONS.

QUARTER: 2 FOLLOW-UP ON CONTACTS WITH REGIONAL TRADE.

QUARTER: 3 FOLLOW-UP CONTACTS WITH REGIONAL TRADE ASSOCIA-TIONS.

QUARTER: 4 ----

ANTICIPATED RESULTS:

INCREASE AWARENESS BY LOCAL FIRMS OF CANADIAN SOURCING CAPABILITY.

ASSIST IN ESTABLISHING CANADIAN FIRMS ON QUOTING LISTS.

ESTABLISH USE OF CANADIAN VENDORS AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SALES REPS. TO INCREASE BUSINESS AND FIRMS TO OBTAIN COMPETITIVE SOURCES.

INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SALES REPS/AGENTS CARRYING CANADIAN LINES.

QUARTERLY RESULTS REPORTED:

A)11 11 CDN FIRMS PARTICIPATED IN MIDWEST ELEC. EXPO'87 ON-SITE SALES AMOUNTED TO APPROX. \$50,000 (US. PROPOSAL, IF SUCCESSFUL, COULD RESULT IN EA RLY \$10 M(US) IN SALES FOR AN EXHIBITOR. B)DISCU-SSIONS WERE HELD WITH THE ELEC. REP. ASSOC.

FORMAL PROPOSALS WERE GIVEN TO TWIN CITY PURCHA-SING MGMT. ASSOC. RE: PROGRAM ON SOURCING IN CDN & ELECT. REPS. ASSOC. RE: INFORMATIONAL SEMINAR TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

INFORMATION MEETING ON SOURCING IN CDA & STATUS OF FREE TRADE AGREEMENT ARRANGED WITH BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ELECTRONIC REPS. ASSOCIATION.