
There are actually three types of associations that may provide useful information to Canadian environmental engineering firms. The first group encompasses those organizations which represent and accredit firms and individuals in the service industries. The second group includes associations which represent particular manufacturing sectors, while the third group consists of lobby firms and environmental pressure groups. Note also that there are a number of environmental industry lobby groups pressuring for tougher green legislation on behalf of various environmental industries.

Interested Canadian engineering companies should identify and pursue the appropriate sources, either individually or through their own association. We believe that such organizations might be helpful, both in Canada and the United States.

10.6.1 Service Industry Organizations

The following Canadian organizations would be among those who might be of relevance to the Canadian engineering community. Similar organizations exist in the U.S. and potentially represent another source of information and contacts for interested Canadian firms.

- Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada, Ottawa, (613) 236-0569;
- Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, Ottawa, (613) 232-7165;
- Canadian Environmental Industries Association, Toronto, (416) 777-0015; and
- Canadian Construction Association, Ottawa, (613) 236-9455.

10.6.2 Manufacturing, Resource and Other Organizations

There are a few general organizations that may provide U.S. information and/or contacts to Canadian engineering firms. The Canadian Manufacturers Association in Ottawa at (613) 233-8423 represents the manufacturing community in Canada. The Canadian Exporters Association in Ottawa at (613) 238-8888 assist Canadian exporters. The various Chambers of Commerce might have some useful information at the local community level.

Beyond these organizations, there are hundreds of industry specific organizations that Canadian engineers might wish to identify and contact. For instance, the Machinery and Equipment Manufacturers Association of Canada, the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association of Canada, the Canadian Mining Association, and the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association would potentially represent good sources of contacts and information relating to the U.S. market. These are all listed in the Directory of Associations in Canada, described above.

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