

marketing channels, assisting those wishing to participate in trade fairs, helping identify suitable Mexican firms to act as agents, and compiling credit and business information on potential foreign customers.

**Note:** to telephone Mexico City, dial: 011-52-5 before the number shown below. For contacts in other cities in Mexico, consult the international code listing at the front of your local telephone directory for the appropriate regional codes or contact the international operator.

Commercial Division  
The Embassy of Canada in Mexico  
Schiller No. 529  
Col. Polanca  
Apartada Postal 105-05  
11560 México, D.F.  
México  
Tel.: 724-7900  
Fax: 724-7982

Canadian Business Centre  
*Centro Canadiense de Negocios*  
Av. Ejército Nacional No. 926  
Col. Polanco  
11540 México, D.F.  
México  
Tel.: 580-1176  
Fax: 580-4494

Canadian Consulate  
Edificio Kalos, Piso C-1  
Local 108A  
Zaragoza y Constitución  
64000 Monterrey, Nuevo León  
México  
Tel.: 344-3200  
Fax: 344-3048

**International Trade Centres** have been established across the country as a convenient point of contact to support the exporting efforts of Canadian firms. Co-located with the regional offices of Industry Canada (IC), the centres operate under the guidance of DFAIT and all have resident Trade Commissioners. They help companies determine whether or not they are ready to export; assist firms with marketing research and market planning; provide access to government programs designed to promote exports; and arrange for assistance from the Trade Development Division in

Ottawa and trade officers abroad. Contact the International Trade Centre nearest you.

The **World Information Network for Exports (WIN Exports)** is a computer-based information system designed by DFAIT to help Canada's trade development officers abroad match foreign needs to the capabilities, experience and interests of more than 30,000 Canadian exporters. To register an WIN Exports, call: (613) 996-5701.

The **Market Intelligence Service** provides Canadian business with detailed market information on a product-specific basis. The service assists Canadian companies in the exploitation of domestic, export, technology transfer, and new manufacturing investment opportunities. The intelligence is used by Canadian business in decisions regarding manufacturing, product development, marketing, and market expansion. The information includes values, volume and unit price of imports, characteristics of specific imports (e.g. material, grade, price, range, etc.), names of importers, major countries of export, identification of foreign exporters to Canada, Canadian production, Canadian exports, and U.S. imports. Two-thirds of the clientele for this service are small businesses. Call: (613) 954-4970.

#### **Canadian International Development Agency**

An important possible source of financing for Canadian ventures in Mexico is the special fund available through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) under the Industrial Cooperation Program or CIDA/INC. CIDA's Industrial Cooperation Program provides financial contributions to stimulate Canadian private-sector involvement in developing countries by supporting long-term business relationships such as joint ventures and licencing arrangements. INC supports the development of linkages with the private sector in Mexico encouraging Canadian enterprises to share their skills and experiences with partners in Mexico, and other countries. A

series of INC mechanisms help enterprises to establish mutually beneficial collaborative arrangements for the transfer of technology and the creation of employment.

Industrial Cooperation Division  
Canadian International Development Agency  
200, Promenade du Portage  
Hull, PQ K1A 0G4  
Tel.: (819) 997-7905/7906  
Fax: (819) 953-5024

#### **Export Development Corporation (EDC)**

EDC is a unique financial institution that helps Canadian business compete internationally. EDC facilitates export trade and foreign investment by providing risk management services, including insurance and financing, to Canadian companies and their global customers.

EDC's programs fall into four major categories:

- export credit insurance, covering short and medium-sized credits;
- performance-related guarantees and insurance, providing coverage for exporters and financial institutions against calls on various performance bonds and obligations normally issued either by banks or surety companies;
- foreign investment insurance, providing political risk protection for new Canadian investments abroad; and
- export financing, providing medium and long-term export financing to foreign buyers of Canadian goods and services.

Ottawa (Head Office)  
151 O'Connor Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 1K3  
Tel.: (613) 598-2500  
Fax: (613) 237-2690

The **Embassy of Mexico**, Mexican Trade Commissioners in Canada, and Mexican consulates can provide assistance and guidance to Canadian companies in need of information about doing business in Mexico.

