

(b) CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) is responsible for administering about 75 per cent of Canada's Official Development Assistance, which is used to support the efforts of developing countries to foster economic and social growth. It distributes this aid through official bilateral (government-to-government) channels, multilateral development institutions, non-governmental organizations and the private sector.

All CIDA's bilateral aid is at least 50 per cent tied to the procurement of competitively priced goods and services from Canada. These may be procured for particular projects or under general or sectoral lines of credit provided to recipient countries. While services are procured through CIDA's Consultant Selection Committee, goods procurement - including commodities - is administered by the Department of Supply and Services.

The Industrial Cooperation Program aims to stimulate Canadian private sector involvement in developing countries industrial development by supporting long-term business cooperation relationships such as joint ventures and licensing arrangements. It also provides support to Canadian companies wishing to undertake project definition studies.

Information on opportunities for private sector involvement in CIDA's activities and on consultant registration may be obtained from:

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