

Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA)

Atlantic Canadian companies seeking to develop exports to Mexico may be eligible for assistance from the ACOA. The agency works in partnership with entrepreneurs from the Atlantic region to promote self-sustaining economic activity in Atlantic Canada.

ACOA provides support to businesses as they look to expand existing markets through the development of marketing plans. Efforts include monitoring trade opportunities arising from global economic change, communications efforts to promote the region, trade missions and associated activities, as well as better coordination with federal and provincial bodies that influence trade and investment opportunities. For more information, contact:

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The Federal Office of Regional Development, Quebec (FORD Q)

FORD Q is a federal regional economic development organization. Through its commitment to provide services tailored to its clients, FORD Q supports the development of the economic potential of all regions of Quebec and the creation of viable jobs by promoting a business climate in which small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) can grow and prosper. FORD Q uses the relevant and sought-after expertise of the federal government to work with the entrepreneurial spirit of Quebecers in every region and improve their competitive position. It also seeks, through strategic activities and partnerships in the community, to improve the business climate, an essential factor in the growth of SMEs.

FORD Q provides one-stop access to federal services and programs aimed at SMEs, particularly with regard to innovation, R&D, design, market development and entrepreneurship. Through its 13 Small Business Access Centres, FORD Q provides access to Team Canada export services and programs in the areas of awareness, export preparation, information, networking, advice and counselling, funding and access to funding.

In terms of access to funding, PEMD, with the exception of the component on preparing projects for submission, is delivered through