

Export and Investment Promotion Planning System

MISSION: 603 CLEVELAND

COUNTRY: 577 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Trade Office reports that the following factors influence Canadian export performance in this market for this sector (sub-sector).

- the degree of import duty protection of local industry tends to be low

In the Trade Office's opinion, Canadian export performance in this sector (sub-sector) in this market is lower than optimum mainly because of:

- the apparent limited sectoral capability in Canada compared to other competing export countries
- difficulties of adaptation of marketing techniques to the market by some Canadian companies
- market prospect which are relatively new and have not yet been explored adequately by Canadian exporters

Some Canadian exporters to this market in this sector (sub-sector) have enjoyed success previously as a result of a variety of factors which the trade office reports to include:

- aggressive marketing on the part of Canadian Exporters
- support provided by the PEMD program
- participation in trade fairs
- participation in trade missions
- use of Canadian Government export promotion activities
- use of provincial governments export promotion activities
- the presence of CIDA programs which have opened the market to Canadian companies
- competitive export pricing for this market
- Canada's position as one of the few major sources of international supply
- the existence of a bilateral economic/trade arrangement between Canada and this country
- the availability of competitive Canadian financing

The Trade Office has recommended that a comprehensive market study of this sector (sub-sector) would enhance the knowledge of Canadian exporters to this market.

The Trade Office suggests that sourcing tools currently available to them have some limitations in particular:

- the adequacy of exporter information in Canadian Directories
- product/service information from Canadian companies

In support of Canadian exports in this sector (sub-sector) the Trade Office is currently engaged in activities which include:

Activity: CONTINUE TO DEVELOP CLOSER CONTACTS WITH DISTRIBUTION NETWORK IN COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATICS.

Results Expected: IMPROVE ACCESS FOR CANADIAN PRODUCTS.