* Quality of contacts (37.2 percent)

25.5 % Special status in wide-area networks and/or quality networks

II.7 % Source of key contacts in Canadian or target-country government or both

** Quality of membership (13.8 percent)

8.5 % Membership profile

5.3 % Expertise of directors in trade and/or in target market

*** Quality of activities (2l.3 percent)

17.1 % Specific activities, such as:

- · Database on companies in target market
- Trade assistance services
- · Extensive resources in Canada and in target market
- · Examination of credibility of foreign companies
- Matching services
- · Translation and interpretation services
- Multilateral advocacy services
- Miscellaneous (see translation)
- 4.2 % Activities to promote Canadian companies in target market

*** Operating Procedure (26.6 percent)

- 5.3 % Flexible and non-bureaucratic partnership
- 3.2 % Focus on specific country
- 6.0 % Small cost of membership and use of services (better suited to limitations of small- and medium-sized businesses)
- 2.1 % Profile overseas
- 10.0 % Miscellaneous
 - · Direct contact with clients
 - Well-defined priorities
 - · Recognized by foreign and Canadian government
 - · No political affiliation, or independent