

**WESTERN ECONOMIC
DIVERSIFICATION CANADA**

Western Canadian companies interested in Mexico may be able to secure assistance from Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD). This agency provides financial assistance for projects that contribute to the diversification of the western economy. It acts as a pathfinder to ensure that western businesses are aware of and receive assistance from the most appropriate source of funding, federal or other, for their projects. It acts as an advocate for the west in national economic decision making and it co-ordinates federal activities that have an impact on economic growth in the west. It also plays a role in promoting trade between western Canada and markets around the world. Inquiries about Western Economic Diversification Canada and other activities of the department can be directed to any of the following regional offices:

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EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Companies exporting to Mexico will need suitable financing and insurance for the transaction. The Export Development Corporation (EDC) may be able to help with both. EDC is a Canadian Crown corporation whose purpose is to facilitate and develop Canada's export trade. The corporation provides insurance, guarantees and export financing that, combined with advice and the organization of financial services packages, facilitate the sale of Canadian goods and services abroad. EDC offers the following services:

Export Insurance and Related Guarantees

- global comprehensive insurance
- global political insurance
- selective political insurance
- specific transaction insurance
- specific transaction guarantees
- loan pre-disbursement insurance
- foreign investment insurance
- performance security insurance
- performance security guarantees
- consortium insurance
- surety bond insurance
- bid security guarantees
- specific sub-supplier insurance
- equipment (political risk) insurance
- bid-bond insurance
- medium-term agricultural guarantees