

NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

Canadian companies hoping to succeed in the Mexican marketplace may require additional technology to improve their competitiveness. The National Research Council (NRC) works with Canadian firms of all sizes to develop and apply technology for economic benefit. The Council supervises the Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP), a national network for the diffusion and transfer of technology.

The IRAP network supports the process of developing, accessing, acquiring, implanting, and using technology throughout Canadian industry. IRAP has been in existence for 40 years and has acquired a reputation as one of the more flexible and effective federal programs. IRAP takes advantage of an extensive network that includes more than 120 regional and local offices, 20 provincial technology centres, the Council's own laboratories and research institutes, federal government departments, and technology transfer officers in Canadian universities. The IRAP network also extends abroad through the technology counsellors attached to Canadian posts in some 18 foreign countries. For more information or the name of the IRAP officer nearest you, contact:

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BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS

The Canadian Council for the Americas (CCA) is a non-profit organization formed in 1987 to promote business interests in Latin America and Caribbean countries. The CCA promotes events and programs targeted at expanding business and building networking contacts between Canada and the countries of the region. It also publishes a bimonthly newsletter.

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