

PROGRAM FOR EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT (PEMD)

This program seeks to increase export sales by sharing the costs of industry-initiated activities aimed at developing export markets. PEMD is administered by Industry Canada regional offices and funded by DFAIT. Activities eligible for PEMD financial support (up to 50 percent of the costs) include:

- Participation in recognized foreign trade fairs outside of Canada;
- Trips to identify export markets and visits by foreign buyers to Canada;
- Project bidding or proposal preparation at the precontractual stage for projects outside Canada;
- Establishment of permanent sales offices abroad in order to undertake sustained marketing efforts; and
- Special activities for non-profit, non-sales food, agriculture and fish organizations, marketing boards and agencies, trade fairs, technical trials and product demonstrations (for example).

Support is also provided for certain types of government-planned activities, such as outgoing trade missions of Canadian business representatives and incoming missions to Canada of foreign business and government officials who can influence export sales.

For information, call: (613) 954-2858.

INTERNATIONAL FINANCING

DFAIT helps Canadian exporters interested in pursuing multilateral business opportunities financed by international financing institutions (IFI). Canadian exporters and trade associations can access market data, obtain a better understanding of the competition, and determine if an IFI-funded market opportunity is practical and worth pursuing. DFAIT can provide information and advice on the availability of Canadian government-funded assistance programs and can assist companies in developing effective export marketing.

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TECHNOLOGY INFLOW PROGRAM

Managed by DFAIT and delivered domestically by the National Research Council, this program is designed to help Canadian companies locate, acquire and adopt foreign technologies by promoting international collaboration. Industry Canada also helps in program promotion. The program officers respond to requests to identify technology sources and opportunities for co-operation between Canadian and foreign firms. The program will also help Canadian firms make exploratory visits abroad to identify and gain first-hand knowledge of relevant foreign technologies as well as to negotiate to acquire them.

INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

This program helps Canadian companies find the investment they need. It actively promotes investments that take the form of new plants and equipment, joint ventures or strategic partnerships. It is especially interested in attracting investment that introduces new technology into Canada, a key to creating new jobs and economic opportunities. Investment officers make contact with foreign investors and bring them together with Canadian companies.

For information, call: (613) 996-8625.

INDUSTRY CANADA

Industry Canada was created with a broad mandate to improve the competitiveness of Canadian industry. In the area of small business, it has been given specific responsibility to:

- Develop, implement and promote national policies to foster the international competitiveness of industry, the enhancement of industrial, scientific and technological development, and the improvement in the productivity and efficiency of industry;