

Several members of Team Canada Inc provide direct assistance to Canadian businesses needing a source of financing, or a way to overcome administrative or credibility constraints—a particular issue for small or new exporters. Export Development Canada (www.edc.ca) offers credit and political risk insurance and direct financing. The Canadian Commercial Corporation (www.ccc.ca) provides access to difficult markets where government-to-government contacts are useful. The Business Development Bank (www.bdc.ca) has financing packages for SMEs.

Together these services are well placed to inform Canadian companies about their rights under international trade and investment protection rules, and they can identify policy problems that limit the freedom of Canadian business to expand. The international network of embassies and consulates assesses how other governments implement the disciplines they have accepted and advises DFAIT (IT)'s Trade Policy and Negotiations Branch about new issues. Each department brings its particular expertise to the network, providing service to the client and policy advice to the government.

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