

Information System Gateway to Projects Worth \$Billions

Canadian exporters now can gain complete and timely information on international projects that are funded by the multilateral development banks.

And it's thanks to a new system developed by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

The **International Financial Institutions (IFI)/Capital Projects Information System** gives users access to more than 2,500 bidding projects that are valued in excess of \$12 billion annually.

It will inform Canadian exporters on these opportunities and improve their chances of success.

The system captures, integrates and disseminates IFI project information. Contact information is available on agencies implementing projects in borrowing countries, as well in Canadian missions and IFI field offices abroad.

Team Canada Concept

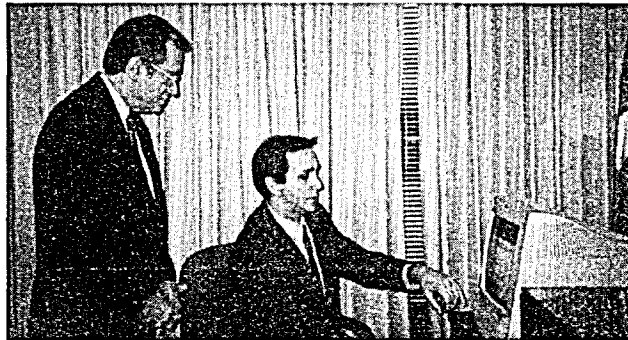
At the December 2, 1996 launch, International Trade Minister Art Eggleton said: "This new information system is a true reflection of the Team Canada partnership between governments and the private sector."

The system currently provides access to project information from the following institutions: World Bank; Inter-American Development Bank; the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; the African Development Bank; Asian Development Bank;

International Finance Corporation and United Nations Development Program.

Canadian companies may obtain more information on the IFI Capital Projects Information System and access it by contacting the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade's Internet site at <<http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca>> under the international business development category.

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DFAIT's Jean-François Leroux (seated) demonstrates the IFI system to International Trade Minister Art Eggleton.

Nominations Solicited for Canada-U.S. Business Achievement Award

Individuals, associations, businesses and government organizations across Canada and the United States have until **March 1, 1997** to submit nominations for the **1997 Award for Canadian-American Business Achievement**. The Award will be presented **June 5, 1997** during ceremonies at the Embassy of Canada, Washington, DC.

Inaugurated in 1995, the Award is an annual presentation that recognizes Canadian and U.S. companies for excellence in innovation, business growth and community commitment (the three basic criteria for selection). It also promotes Canada-U.S. business

partnerships and cooperation.

To enter, a Canadian and American team of companies must complete a brief **Nomination Form** that provides information on business achievement and partnering success.

Nomination forms may be obtained from and returned — **no later than March 1, 1997** — to either of the following: **The Foundation for Canadian-American Business Achievement, in Canada:** 96 Equestrian Drive, Kanata, Ontario K2M 1H6, Tel.: (613) 831-7713; Fax: (613) 592-4491; **in the U.S.:** 425 8th Street N.W., Suite 334, Washington, D.C., 20004-2111, Tel.: (202) 363-1487; Fax: (202) 686-5426.