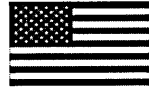


Recent Events



UPCOMING EVENTS

- * From November 19 to 21, 1998, the Consulate hosted a delegation of women entrepreneurs from Northern Ontario. While in Chicago, delegation members of the Sudbury and Thunder Bay Chambers of Commerce had the opportunity to learn about the local market, network with local entrepreneurs, and explore possibilities for strategic alliances.
- * As in the past, the Quebec Craft Council exhibited at SOFA in Chicago in early October, representing artisans from across Canada. The show also served as a focal point for a New Exporters to Border States (NEBS) mission organized by the Consulate. Mission participants included aboriginal artists, gallery personnel, and provincial craft council administrators.
- * The fifth annual Northern Networks Conference was held in Wausau, Wisconsin, from September 23 to 25, 1998. This is a major networking event for small businesses in Northwestern Ontario and the northwest regions of Wisconsin and Minnesota. The Canadian delegation consisted of small companies — many of which had modest exhibit areas — economic development officials and local elected officials.
- * The Early Stage Investor Conference, held in Chicago on September 10, 1998, was a sellout. Co-hosted by the Canadian Consulate, the Chicago Software Association, KPMG, and the law firm of Gordon & Glickson, 12 Canadian companies joined 30 U.S. companies in giving presentations on their innovative products to an audience of over 300 software executives, private investors and venture capitalists. Watch for next year's event at www.csa.org

Promat '99

February 8-11, 1999 — Chicago

Recruitment is under way for a Canadian National Stand to be held at the U.S.'s largest and most comprehensive material handling logistics trade event. For more information, contact Dustchin Rock, Business Development Officer, Canadian Consulate General, Chicago, tel.: (312) 616-1870, ext. 3366, fax: (312) 616-1878, e-mail: dustchin.rock@chcgo01.x400.gc.ca

IT Partnering Event

March 23, 1999 — Chicago

The Consulate, KPMG and the Chicago Software Association will again co-sponsor the IT Partnering Event. If your software firm seeks partners, alliances, value-added resellers (VARs), this event is for you. For details, see www.csa.org or contact Ann F. Rosen, Senior Business Development Officer, Canadian Consulate General, Chicago, tel.: (312) 616-1870, ext. 3357, fax: (312) 616-1878, e-mail: ann.rosen@chcgo01.x400.gc.ca

NOW RECRUITING

Midwest/Spring 1999 NASFT Fancy Food Show

March 21-23, 1999 — Chicago

The Consulate will host an information booth at this event geared to showcase specialty products to food retailers, importers, chefs and caterers. Canadian companies are invited to join this virtual stand in the International Pavilion. For more information, contact Cathy Cameron, Business Development Officer, Canadian Consulate General, Chicago, tel.: (312) 616-1870, ext. 3368, fax: (312) 616-1878, e-mail: cathy.cameron@chcgo01.x400.gc.ca

Host Midwest '99

March 29-31, 1999 — Milwaukee

The New Midwest Express Center of Milwaukee will open its doors with "A Taste of Canada" at Host Midwest '99. The Canadian Pavilion will be the highlight of the 1999 show. Average event attendance exceeds 20,000 and two out of every three attendees have purchasing decision-making authority for their firms. For more information regarding the Canadian Pavilion and space reservations, contact Cathy Cameron, as above.

Did you know?

Now dubbed The Silicon Prairie, the region is rapidly emerging as a hi-tech hot-spot. Illinois is the fourth-largest market for information technology employment in the United States.

Fortune magazine's list of the world's "Best Cities for Business" ranked Chicago fifth.