

The Minister's trade development and promotion initiative will also include consultations, in Washington, D.C., with senior Canadian trade officials from across the U.S.

The addition of the three new satellite offices brings to 27 the total number of U.S. trade offices, ensuring Canadian exporters have the widest possible access to export opportunities in virtually every major region and distribution centre in the United States.

"The FTA means the door is wide open for Canadian exporters to take advantage of new market opportunities in every part of the U.S.," said Mr. Crosbie. "By upgrading Canada's trade development and promotion capabilities, we have put into place a network of assistance to exporters that is second to none."

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