

Programs to fast-track your success

Looking for funding or financing? Or do you need support to grow your international business opportunities? Begin your search here.

Business financing

Atlantic Associations of Community Business Development Corporations | Loans for youth, entrepreneurs, social enterprises and rural businesses cbdc.ca

Business Development Bank of Canada | Market Xpansion Loan provides up to \$250,000 bdc.ca

Canadian Trade Commissioner Service | Programs to support international business tradecommissioner.gc.ca

Industry Canada | Locate government services, grants, loans and financing canadabusiness.ca

Export Development Canada | Financing and insurance solutions for exporters edc.ca

Export Market Access | Global Expansion Program for Ontario businesses canadabusiness.ca

Business Women in International Trade | Provincial and national funding and financing programs businesswomenintrade.gc.ca

Women's Enterprise Initiative | Loans for business women in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan wd.gc.ca

International trade and business services

Canadian Trade Commissioner Service | Provides on-the-ground intelligence and practical advice in Canada and in more than 150 cities worldwide tradecommissioner.gc.ca or 1-888-306-9991

CanadExport | The official e-magazine of the TCS, CanadExport features practical articles and the latest news on doing business internationally canadexport.gc.ca

Canada Business Network | Assistance to entrepreneurs through a network of 400+ service centres across Canada canadabusiness.gc.ca or 1-888-576-4444 (TTY 1-800-457-8466 hearing impaired)

Women-owned specialized directory on the Canadian Company Capabilities database | Join the thousands of Canadian businesses promoting their products and services to the world ic.gc.ca/bwit

Government of Canada | Regional development agencies deliver programs to businesses and business women

- » Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (see the Women in Business Initiative) acoa-apeca.gc.ca
- » Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions dec-ced.gc.ca
- » Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency CanNor.gc.ca
- » Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario FedDevOntario.gc.ca
- » FedNor (Ontario) fednor.gc.ca
- » Western Economic Diversification Canada wd-deo.gc.ca

Thirsting for knowledge?

Check out these valuable learning and development opportunities for Canadian business women:

- » Canadian Technology Accelerator program: tradecommissioner.gc.ca
- » Forum for International Trade Training FITTSkills program: fitt.ca
- » SheEO accelerator program for women entrepreneurs: sheeo.ca
- » Rotman Initiative for Women in Business: women.rotman.utoronto.ca
- » Alberta Women Entrepreneurs Exceleator program awebusiness.com

Mission countdown to Philadelphia

Join BWIT and leading Canadian business women on our 2014 mission to the Women's Business Enterprise National Conference—the largest business fair in the U.S. for women-owned enterprises. Here's what you need to know:

- » **Where:** Pennsylvania Convention Center
- » **When:** June 22-25, 2014
- » **Why:** Meet top Fortune 500 companies, get access to contracts through supplier diversity programs, network with business women from across Canada and the U.S.
- » **How:** Visit the conference website at wbenc.org/wbencconf or contact the BWIT team at bwit@international.gc.ca for details.



Canadian delegation at the 2013 WBENC National Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

“ Did you know?

Canada's Trade Commissioner Service:

- » is free of charge for eligible Canadian companies
- » serves over 13,000 clients a year
- » is on the ground in more than 150 cities at home and abroad
- » received a client satisfaction rating of 83% in 2012-13

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