

tion, power and communications for the development of a specific sector identified by the recipient country as a priority.

**Feasibility Studies
and Detailed Engineering Work**

In support of the many areas outlined above, CIDA also finances feasibility studies and detailed engineering and design work for projects of high developmental value.

Humanitarian Assistance

Humanitarian Assistance is intended to alleviate the immediate effects of natural or man-made disasters such as floods, earthquakes, and civil wars, through the provision of cash, commodities, medical supplies, airlift services, etc., mostly to specialized United Nations institutions or non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

Multilateral and Bilateral Food Aid

Food aid is intended to alleviate hunger and to serve various development purposes. These include targeting food aid to nutritionally vulnerable groups, creating employment, providing emergency food assistance, generating funds for agricultural development and providing balance-of-payments support.

The types of aid outlined above are in the form of non-repayable contributions (e.g. food aid, humanitarian assistance, technical assistance, etc.). Unlike the contributions to the multilateral institutions whose spending is, by and large, beyond CIDA control, bilateral contributions are controlled by CIDA through direct arrangements with the individual developing country.

**Procurement of Goods, Equipment
and Related Services**

Procurement for Canadian managed assistance projects, with some exceptions, is handled through Supply and Services Canada (SSC). CIDA may, with the approval of SSC, manage the procurement process through Canadian Executing Agents. Procurement for recipient managed assistance projects is handled by the developing countries themselves or through the services of Canadian Executing Agents contracted by them. In these cases, however, Canadian companies are not necessarily required to contact the countries; registering with SSC, trade publications and contacting the Canadian Executing Agents should suffice.

In addition to these general procurement guidelines, Canadian business firms should also take note of the two following regulations which apply to Canadian bilateral assistance:

(a) Goods and services - Bilateral tied programs must meet a minimum of 66.67% Canadian content; and

(b) Consulting services and technical assistance provided through CIDA's tied bilateral program must be provided by firms which are established in Canada and 51 per cent beneficially owned in Canada.

For equipment manufacturers, suppliers, and trading houses wishing to participate in CIDA's bilateral program through the provision of goods and services, the point of contact for registration is as follows:

Statistical Information and Data Management Branch
Sourcing and Materials Priorities Division
Supply and Services Canada
11 Laurier Avenue
Place du Portage, 4B3
Hull, Quebec K1A 0S5
Tel.: (819) 956-3444
FAX: (819) 956-1459

Transportation agencies should register with:

Consumer Products and Traffic Management Branch
Overseas Traffic Section
Supply and Services Canada
Place du Portage, 8B3
Hull, Quebec K1A 0S5
Tel.: (819) 956-3854
FAX: (819) 956-4944

In addition, consultants, contractors, specialists in Women in Development, and trading houses should register with:

Business Cooperation Branch
Consultant and Industrial Relations Division
Canadian International Development Agency
Place du Centre
200 Promenade du Portage
Hull, Quebec K1A 0G4
Tel.: (819) 997-7775
FAX: (819) 953-5024

** The Government's new Official Development Assistance Strategy is in the process of being implemented throughout CIDA's policies and programs. As a result, companies are advised to contact CIDA directly for any changes which may occur in the above policies and programs. Copies of the new Strategy - Sharing our Future - may be obtained through the Public Affairs Branch, CIDA, 200 Promenade du Portage, Hull, Quebec, K1A 0G4 at (819) 997-6100, FAX: (819) 953-5469.*