Canadian Embassy

The Commercial Division of the Canadian Embassy provides market information to Canadian businesses. Trade commissioners assist with networking, distributor and partner identification, and promotion. The Embassy maintains a library of periodicals, market reports and directories. In addition, a trade office recently opened in Monterrey.

Tel: (5) 724-7900, Fax: (5) 724-7982

Centro de Estudios Económicos del Sector Privado (CEESP)

This research centre focusses on macro-level economic topics. Market research services are provided to both members and non-members. A library containing a variety of publications is open to the public.

Contact: Promotion Manager Tel: (5) 545-1122 or (5) 250-6977, x4988/4892 Fax: (5) 250-6995

CEMAI

CEMAI is the Mexican Business Council for International Affairs. All services are free, including assistance with networking, partner identification and general information. CEMAI has developed a strong relationship with the Canadian Council for the Americas.

Contact: Co-ordinating Manager, North America Tel: (5) 250-7033, Fax: (5) 531-1590

IBCON

IBCON produces coverage of comprehensive business directories, including coverage of the government, large buyers and information centres.

Tel: (5) 255-4577

INFOTEC

Infotec provides market research and consulting services. The library is open to the public for a fee. A large number of volumes are in English.

Contact: Director of International Business Tel: (5) 606-0011 or (5) 606-1620, Fax: (5) 606-0386

• Mexican Government Ministries

Each ministry must prepare an annual summary of activities, which often include useful statistics. Public relations or communications departments may be of assistance in obtaining recent plans, reports or studies. Many government ministries maintain topic-specific libraries. See SECOFI in this section for an appropriate first contact point.

Mexican Industry Associations

Every Mexican company is required to belong to an industry association. Associations usually produce a directory of members, and may commission sectoral studies. A complete listing of industry associations is available from the offices of Bancomext.

Contact: Unidad de Recursos Informativos Tel: (5) 227-9000, x3007/3009, Fax: (5) 227-9070

In Canada:

Toronto: Tel: (416) 867-9292, Fax: (416) 867-1847 Montreal: Tel: (514) 287-1669, Fax: (514) 287-1844 Vancouver: Tel: (604) 682-3648, Fax: (604) 682-1355

Mexican Investment Board (MIB)

The MIB assists companies with direct investment in Mexico. It publishes economic, statistical, regional and demographic information. Partner identification and networking services are also provided. Detailed sector-specific publications are available through a free faxback service, described in detail on page 18 of this guide.

Tel: (5) 328-9929 or (5) 202-7804, Fax: (5) 202-7925

Nacional Financiera (NAFINSA)

NAFINSA operates financial support programs for small and medium-sized Mexican businesses. The organization can provide credit to Mexican importers, or finance Canadian direct investment in Mexico. NAFINSA also operates a "bulletin board" to connect foreign and Mexican companies.

Contact: Subgerente de Promoción de Proyectos de Coinversión

Tel: (5) 325-6694 or (5) 325-6695, Fax: (5) 325-6009