

## 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](http://cbdc.ca)

**Business Development Bank of Canada** | Market Xpansion Loan provides up to \$250,000 [bdc.ca](http://bdc.ca)

**Canadian Trade Commissioner Service** | Programs to support international business [tradecommissioner.gc.ca](http://tradecommissioner.gc.ca)

**Industry Canada** | Locate government services, grants, loans and financing [canadabusiness.ca](http://canadabusiness.ca)

**Export Development Canada** | Financing and insurance solutions for exporters [edc.ca](http://edc.ca)

**Export Market Access** | Global Expansion Program for Ontario businesses [canadabusiness.ca](http://canadabusiness.ca)

**Business Women in International Trade** | Provincial and national funding and financing programs [businesswomenintrade.gc.ca](http://businesswomenintrade.gc.ca)

**Women's Enterprise Initiative** | Loans for business women in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan [wd.gc.ca](http://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](http://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](http://canadexport.gc.ca)

**Canada Business Network** | Assistance to entrepreneurs through a network of 400+ service centres across Canada [canadabusiness.gc.ca](http://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](http://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](http://acoa-apeca.gc.ca)
- » Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions [dec-ced.gc.ca](http://dec-ced.gc.ca)
- » Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency [CanNor.gc.ca](http://CanNor.gc.ca)
- » Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario [FedDevOntario.gc.ca](http://FedDevOntario.gc.ca)
- » FedNor (Ontario) [fednor.gc.ca](http://fednor.gc.ca)
- » Western Economic Diversification Canada [wd-deo.gc.ca](http://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](http://tradecommissioner.gc.ca)
- » Forum for International Trade Training FITTSkills program: [fitt.ca](http://fitt.ca)
- » SheEO accelerator program for women entrepreneurs: [sheeo.ca](http://sheeo.ca)
- » Rotman Initiative for Women in Business: [women.rotman.utoronto.ca](http://women.rotman.utoronto.ca)
- » Alberta Women Entrepreneurs Exceleator program [awebusiness.com](http://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](http://wbenc.org/wbencconf) or contact the BWIT team at [bwit@international.gc.ca](mailto: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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