



INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (IDP)

The Investment Development Program (IDP) encourages targeted foreign corporations and other potential investors to bring new capital and technology into Canada. The program also promotes joint ventures and strategic partnerships between Canadian and foreign firms.

The IDP activities are carried out by investment officers and counsellors at 43 EAITC trade offices around the world. The program initially focused on Canada's traditional foreign investment sources: the U.S., the U.K., France, Germany, Japan and Holland. It has now been expanded to cover additional European and Pacific-Rim countries and the Middle East. Promotional campaigns, direct mail, seminars and other activities focus on sectors where Canada has demonstrated expertise and opportunities. A major selling point is the improved access Canada offers to the U.S. market under the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement and potentially the proposed North American Free Trade Agreement.

The department works closely with Investment Canada, Industry, Science and Technology Canada, and provincial and municipal governments to identify investment priorities in Canada.

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