

Canada's priorities in 2007 include obtaining improved market access for:

- professional services;
- computer and related services;
- research and development services;
- other business services (especially management consulting services, oil and gas services, and mining services);
- courier services;
- telecommunications services;
- construction and related engineering services;
- distribution services;
- environmental services;
- financial services;
- tourism and travel-related services; and
- transport services.

Recent Developments

Efforts to enhance air services access are an important part of Canada's overall work to facilitate trade in services. In line with the recently announced Blue Sky policy, Canada will pursue opportunities to negotiate open bilateral air

agreements for international scheduled air transport when this is deemed to be in the national interest. In particular, we will seek to maximize opportunities to add passenger and all-cargo services in response to market demand. (For further information see the Transport Canada publication, www.tc.gc.ca/pol/en/ace/consultations/blueSkyPolicy.htm).

Canada's continued efforts to enhance market access for services are receiving additional support through the Canadian Services Coalition. This membership-based organization designed to provide a strong and cohesive voice on behalf of the Canadian services industry. Its main objective is to seek the liberalization of services markets throughout the world and to remove trade and investment barriers for the Canadian services sector. The Canadian Chamber of Commerce acts as secretariat for the Coalition. Further information is available at, www.canadianservicescoalition.com/aboutus.htm.