

The Management Development Centre (MDC). Established in 1973, the MDC provides training in all aspects of management in both the private and public sectors. It also provides advisory and consultancy services, undertakes research and provides up-to-date documentation on modern management practices. Consultancy services are provided in the areas of management appraisals, management information systems, evaluation and company performance, costing and product analysis, and market surveys. The MDC has the power to establish and waive fees for its training courses and consultancy services.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC). The EDC was established in 1984 to encourage, promote and expand export-oriented business. The EDC provides exporters with general export advisory services and maintains a trade information service. It provides financial assistance to exporters in the form of market development grants. The EDC is expected to expand its portfolio to include business export insurance, and was recently appointed by the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago to manage a discounting facility of US\$1 million that will enhance the export credit facility. The EDC has also been appointed to certify exports under the CARIBCAN regime.

Agricultural Development Bank (ADB). The ADB, established in 1968, is one of the primary agencies responsible for providing financial and technical assistance to entrepreneurs in the agricultural sector.

Caribbean Industrial Research Institute (CARIRI). The CARIRI was established in 1970 by the government of Trinidad and Tobago in co-operation with the United Nations Development Programme. It provides industry with technical services in the areas of:

- economic and technical feasibility studies;
- engineering services;
- physical measurement and materials testing;
- process trouble-shooting; and
- collection and dissemination of technical information, including expertise for accessing international databases.

CARIRI is involved with the British Columbia Institute of Technology in training and certifying food processors in the Caribbean to ensure that they meet Canadian and American import requirements.