

- *Expo Cihac*. The annual Construction and Housing Industry Exhibition was held at the World Trade Centre in Mexico City, October 1995.
- *Plastics USA*. This annual plastics trade show, held in Chicago, is sponsored by the Society of the Plastic Industry and is attended by many Mexican plastics manufacturers. The 1995 show was held in September.
- *Maquinamex y Metalmex*. A machine tools international exposition was held in 1994, at the World Trade Centre in Mexico City. It was organized by the *Asociación Mexicana de Distribuidores de Maquinaria (AMDIMA)*, Mexican Association of Machinery Distribution.

The best source found for information on upcoming trade shows is the periodical *Industria*.

## KEY CONTACTS

### CANADA

#### *Canadian Government*

#### *Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT)*

DFAIT is the Canadian federal government department most directly responsible for trade development. The **InfoCentre** should be the first contact point for advice on how to start exporting. It provides information on export-related programs and services, acts as an entry point to DFAIT's trade information network, and can provide copies of specialized export publications and market information to interested companies.

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**Commercial Division of the Embassy of Canada** in Mexico can provide vital assistance to Canadians venturing into the Mexican market. The trade commissioners are well-informed about the market and will respond in whatever measures possible to support a Canadian firm's presence in Mexico.

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**International Trade Centres** have been established across the country as a convenient point of contact to support the exporting efforts of Canadian firms. The centres operate under the guidance of DFAIT and all have resident trade commissioners. They help companies determine whether or not they are ready to export, assist firms with market research and planning, provide access to government programs designed to promote exports, and arrange for assistance from the trade commissioners in Ottawa and trade officers abroad. Contact the International Trade Centre nearest you.

#### **World Information Network for Exports (WIN Exports)**

is a computer-based information system designed by DFAIT to help Canada's trade development officers abroad match foreign needs to Canadian capabilities. It provides users with information on the capabilities, experience and interests of more than 23,000 Canadian exporters. To register on WIN Exports, call (613) 996-5701, or fax 1-800-667-3802 or (613) 944-1078.

**International financing institutions**, including the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank, provide funds to Mexico for a wide variety of specific projects. DFAIT helps Canadian exporters interested in pursuing multilateral business opportunities that are financed by international financing institutions. For further information, call (613) 995-7251, or fax (613) 943-1100.

**Market Intelligence Service (MIS)** provides Canadian businesses with detailed market information on a product-specific basis. The service assists Canadian companies in the exploitation of domestic, export, technology transfer and new manufacturing investment opportunities. MIS is offered free of charge by fax, letter or telephone. For more information, call (613) 954-5031, or fax (613) 954-2340.