

government agencies supporting women entrepreneurs, including the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Industry Canada, and Status of Women Canada.

In addition, Mr. Marchi was present at signings of agreements, strategic alliances and partnerships involving paper companies, freight contractors, multi-media firms and a firm making specialty promotional items. The signings illustrated the success Canadian firms led by women can achieve in the United States.

Among the Canadian companies were TRI-AD International of Mississauga, Ontario; North American Specialty Papers of Hemmingford, Quebec.; MediaStats Inc./MediaLAB of Markham, Ontario; the Medea Group Ltd. of Toronto, Ontario; Two Crazy Ladies Inc. of Willowdale, Ontario; and Stamp of Approval of Vancouver, B.C.

Mr. Marchi was also in Washington to hold discussions with U.S. Commerce Secretary William Daley and U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky on bilateral trade policy issues and with Aida Alvarez on matters related to the businesswomen's mission.

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