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QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT OF EXPORT PROMOTION PROGRAM AT MISSIONS ABROAD FOR FISCAL YEAR 88 FORECAST OF KEY ACTIVITIES AND ANTICIPATED RESULTS STATED IN MISSION'S ANNUAL PLAN

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PLANNING: ACTIVITIES PROPOSED IN POST PLAN:

COMPUTERS, SOFTWARE & SYSTEMS

ENCOURAGING CAPABLE CON FIRMS TO COMPETE IN THIS MARKET, THROUGH INDIVIDUAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE, AND THROUGH GROUP SEMINARS.

ASSISTING ESTABLISHED FIRMS TO MAKE SALES TO FEDERAL GOVT. AGEN-CIES, THROUGH COMPANY PRESENTATIONS AT THE EMBASSY TO SELECTED SENIOR OFFICIALS.

MONITOR DEVELOPMENTS IN FEDERAL GOVT. COMPUTER PROCUREMENT POLICY AND PROJECTS, ADVISE CDN INDUSTRY OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES, AND ENSU-RE U.S. OFFICIALS AWARE OF CDN INTERESTS.

INFORM USA FEDERAL GOVT. OF EFFECT OF FREE TRADE AGREEMENT SECT-ION ON PROCUREMENT AS IT RELATES TO THIS SECTOR.

PRODUCE BROCHURE ADVISING CDN FIRMS OF OPPORTUNITIES RESULTING FROM FTA IN AREA OF GOVT. PROCUREMENT.

PROVIDE TOUR OF NEW CHANCERY WITH SPECIFIC FOCUS ON CANADIAN CAPABILITIES SHOWN BY COSICS TO SELECTED SENIOR US FEDERAL OFFI-CIALS.

ALL SUB-SECTORS

POST TO UPDATE AND FURTHER DEVELOP ITS COMPUTERIZED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

ANTICIPATED RESULTS:

10 NEW FIRMS COMMITTED TO MARKETING IN THIS AREA.

5 FIRMS TO MAKE TOTAL \$250,000 IN SALES

CDN GOVT. AND INDUSTRY AWARE OF MARKET ENVIR-ONMENT AND ARE NOT ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY PRO-TECTIONIST MEASURES

CDN COMPUTER FIRMS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO BID ON CONTRACTS IN NEWLY OPENED RANGE OF \$25,000 TO 171,000 EXEMPT FROM BUY-AMERICA

200 CDN FIRMS PROVIDED WITH SPECIFIC ADVICE ON HOW TO MAKE USE OF NEW OPPORTUNITY.

REPUTATION OF CANADIAN INDUSTRY CAPABILITY IN THIS SECTOR WILL BE ENHANCED AMONGST DECISION MAKERS.

A MORE EFFICIENT DISTRIBUTOR/AGENT/RETAIL I-DENTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE SOURCING OF CANADIAN CORPORATE ENQUIRIES

TRACKING: ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN QUARTER:

QUARTER: 1 POST CONTACTS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM: COMPUTERIZE DATABASE OF REGIONAL REPS/AGENTS/DISTRIBUTORS. PROVIDING ASSISTANCE, AS REQUIRED TO CDN BUSI-NESSES ON MATTERS OF US CUSTOMS REGS, FCC, ETC.

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QUARTERLY RESULTS REPORTED:

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