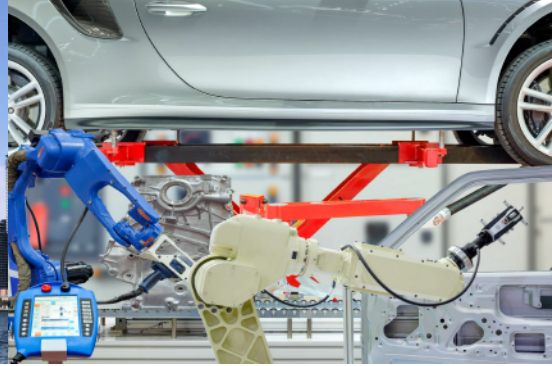


# EXHIBIT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS



## MULTI-SECTOR TRADE MISSION TO CANADA

Toronto & Montreal, Canada  
| June 9-15, 2024

We invite Illinois small businesses to join the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunities' Office of Trade and Investment on a multi-sector trade mission to Canada from June 9-15, 2024. Participants will receive a customized itinerary which will include networking events and one-on-one pre-vetted meetings with potential distributors and business partners.

The United States and Canada enjoy the world's largest and most comprehensive trading relationship that supports millions of jobs in each country and constitutes a US\$1.95 trillion bilateral trade and investment relationship. Canada is traditionally the top U.S. export market, accounting for 14.2% of all U.S. goods exports in 2022. In 2022, Canada maintained its position as the United States' top trading partner. Canada and the United States trade over US\$2.5 billion in goods and services daily.

Canada is the largest export market for Illinois products with over \$24 Billion in sales in 2022. Top exports from Illinois include chemicals, transportation equipment, machinery, petroleum and coal products, food products, as well as aerospace, and medical equipment.

### Participation Details:

Companies selected to participate in the mission will receive the following, in accordance with eligibility guidelines:

- Pre-scheduled B2B matchmaking
- 50% – 75% partial reimbursement of lodging and airfare costs
- In-country briefing materials
- Assistance with travel logistics

**Participation Fee:** \$750

### Participation Deadline:

The registration deadline is March 15, 2024. Space is limited and qualified Illinois firms will be considered on a rolling basis.

### For more information contact:

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