



# U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MISSION

# CAFTA-DR

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic | Managua, Nicaragua | San Jose, Costa Rica

## Secretary Gutierrez to lead 2nd Trade Mission in Support of CAFTA-DR

The Central America-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement has provided substantial new market access for U.S. companies.

- ◆ CAFTA-DR is the third largest export market in Latin America and the 14th largest market in the world for U.S. exports.
- ◆ Last year, U.S. exports to the region surpassed \$22 billion (an increase of 14.4 percent over 2006).
- ◆ More than 80 percent of U.S. exports of industrial and consumer products to Central America have become duty free, with remaining tariffs phased out over 10 years.

**Dates:**  
September 28-October 4, 2008

**Cities:**  
Santo Domingo, D.R.  
Managua, Nicaragua  
San Jose, Costa Rica

**Targeted Sectors:**  
Best Prospects

**Application Deadline:**  
July 31, 2008

**Participation Fee:**  
\$10,000 Large Firms  
\$7,000 Small-Medium Enterprises  
\$2,500 Additional Participant

## Who Should Participate?

This mission is designed for U.S. companies with clear potential for increasing their exports or business interests in Costa Rica, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic.

## An Incredible Business Opportunity

This Mission will demonstrate the United States' commitment to the region and will help:

- ◆ U.S. companies increase their current business presence in the region;
- ◆ Experienced U.S. exporters enter these vibrant markets for the first time;
- ◆ Our CAFTA-DR partners in attracting additional U.S. participation in major projects; and
- ◆ Further improve transparency, rule of law, financial reform, and intellectual property rights protection and enforcement.



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