



IDAHO TRADE MISSION PARTICIPATION GRANT

INCREASING IDAHO EXPORTS TO PERU & MEXICO

MAY 9-16, 2015

Deadline:
February 13, 2015



The Idaho Department of Commerce (IDC) and the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) are pleased to announce the limited availability of grant funding for the Idaho Trade Mission to Latin America.



Latin America Trade Mission

May 9th – 12th
Lima, Peru

May 13th – 16th
Mexico City, Mexico

Overview:

- Trade Mission Participation Grant (TMPG) funds are made possible through the State Trade and Export Promotion (STEP) Grant—International Market Access Grant (IMAG) program and must be used solely for the Latin America Trade Mission May 9-16, 2015
- Funding of up to **\$3,900** per company is available to offset international travel costs for two employees including airfare and lodging, ground transportation fees, interpreter fees, currency exchange fees and other travel related expenses (international cell phone rental, internet access costs, etc.)
- Grant recipients are required to match 35% of awarded grant funds, with the Participation Fee used as part of the match
- Trade Mission Participation Grant (TMPG) funds are available separately from the International Market Access Grant (IMAG)
- The availability of grant funds are based upon a successful application and availability of funds

Eligible Companies Will:

- Submit a complete application to the IDC online portal by Friday, February 13, 2015
- Meet all qualifications listed in section D of the Guidelines for the STEP IMAG program:
 - Business meets small business size regulations http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?c=ecfr&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title13/13cfr121_main_02.tpl
 - Has been in business for not less than the 1-year period ending on the date on which assistance is provided under a STEP grant
 - Operates a business in Idaho to process, assemble, and/or distribute a product or provide an exportable service
 - Is operating profitably, based on operations in the United States
 - Understands the costs associated with exporting and doing business with foreign purchasers, including the costs of freight forwarding, customs brokers, packing and shipping
 - Has a strategic plan for exporting
 - Is not debarred, suspended, proposed for disbarment, and declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency
- Submit required post-activity documentation of export sales or accomplishments resulting from the grant funding to IDC within 30 days of the completion of the Trade Mission

Helps Idaho's small businesses expand sales in the Peruvian and Mexican Markets

Complete application and guidelines are available at:

<http://commerce.idaho.gov/idaho-business/international-trade/state-trade-and-export-promotion-grant>

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