

## Marine Renewables Canada International Travel Funding Policy

### Overview

Marine Renewables Canada (MRC) leads international business development (IBD) activities in an effort to grow the Canadian marine renewable energy sector through gathering of market intelligence, fostering collaborative international relationships, and exposing members and Canadian companies to international market opportunities. IBD activities led by MRC include trade missions, market studies, webinars, workshops, and training.

As international trade missions are a core activity led by MRC, the association works to facilitate participation of Canadian companies by seeking support of **Global Affairs Canada's [CanExport Program](#)** for partial travel funding. This funding is specifically intended to help Canadian companies diversify their exports and take advantage of new trade agreements.

### Partial Travel Funding for International Trade Missions

MRC may be able to provide partial travel funding to delegates of international trade missions led by MRC if the association is successful in securing funding through CanExport for a particular mission.

### Eligibility Criteria

In order to take advantage of MRC's partial travel funding, a trade mission delegate must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a Canadian company (incorporated in Canada)
- Must be an employee based and working in Canada
- Must be a member of MRC in the Champion, Leader or Full membership category
- Must be a company focused on accessing new markets, export, expanding international business activities (the CanExport program and travel funding it provides is not targeted at facilitating research activities)
  - Priority for partial travel funding will go to for-profit companies

### What's provided

Partial travel funding provided by MRC covers 50% of a company's travel expenses up to a maximum, **for one person per company**. Delegates that request this funding will be required to provide a detailed survey on how the travel funding supported their export efforts which will be shared with CanExport.

Partial travel funding provided covers:

- Flight – 50% up to a maximum
- Hotel & Per Diems - \$200 per day (to a max of 5 days)
- Ground Travel (Taxi, Car, Bus, Train) up to a maximum