

# CENTRAL AMERICA TRADE MISSION

September 12-16, 2022

## ACCELERATE YOUR EXPORT SALES

Please join the Conference of Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers trade mission to Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic, September 12-16, 2022. Each mission participant will receive a customized schedule of B2B meetings with prospective customers and business partners. Mission participants will also benefit from networking events and logistical support provided by the GSGP Central America & Caribbean Trade Office.



#### COSTS

Participation Fee: US \$1,500 per person (each additional participant US \$500)

Market Research & Customized Appointment Setting Fee\*:

Costa Rica \$2,900 Dominican Republic \$2,900

\*Grant funding is available in many states to offset mission costs and travel fees. In some states, the market research and customized appointment fee are complimentary.

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# WHY COSTA RICA AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC?

- US exporters benefits from the CAFTA-DR free trade agreement that includes both Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic. Canada has a free trade agreement in place with Costa Rica. The US was the top exporter of goods to both countries in 2020.
- According to the US International Trade Administration, Costa Rica's well-educated labor force, focus on English-language instruction, relatively low levels of corruption, and attractive free trade zone incentives offer strong appeal to many exporters and investors.
- Key economic sectors in the Dominican Republic include construction, agriculture, financial services, healthcare, hospitality, transportation and local manufacturing.
- Top U.S. exports to Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic include mineral fuels, electrical and industrial machinery, medical devices and instrumentation, and automotive parts.

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