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Tom Hanson is Principal Commercial Officer at the U.S. Consulate in Calgary, Alberta, responsible for developing U.S. export markets in British Columbia, Yukon Territory, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Nunavut and Northwest Territories. He is also the lead on the CS Canada Energy Team.

Tom joined the U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service in 2011, after 25 years as a private sector consultant and director of international trade departments for manufacturers and service providers. Tom served on the San Diego-Imperial Valley District Export Council, co-authoring a launch toolkit for the National Export Initiative and collaborating on cross-border trade issues. He speaks Spanish and Portuguese.

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Crystal Roberts works with U.S. exporters and Canadian importers in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. She is responsible for all products and services related to the oil and gas industry. Crystal is a vital part of CS Canada's Energy Team and also specializes in client outreach, trade shows recruitment, and event planning.

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Vlad Oujegov's responsibilities include working with U.S. exporters and Canadian importers in the Aerospace, Agri-Tech, and the Water and Infrastructure sectors in Western Canada. Vlad also assists Senior Commercial Specialist Crystal Roberts in the Energy sector, and he is part of the Energy Team and the Environmental Team. Other areas of focus include Labor Concerns, Social Media, and a variety of Administrative Duties. Vlad has a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and is fluent in Russian.

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Connie is a Commercial Specialist for the U.S. Department of Commerce's Foreign Commercial Service at the U.S Consulate in Calgary, Alberta. She is the national lead for the mining sector and supports the tourism sector in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, B.C., NWT and the Yukon. Fluent in French, Spanish and Chinese Mandarin, she has undertaken studies and worked in Paris, France and in Guangzhou and Shanghai, China. In 2010, Connie was one of the three candidates selected Canada wide to represent Canada during the 2010 World Expo held in Shanghai, China. Upon conclusion of her contract as VIP & Special Events Officer for Canada Pavilion, she returned to Calgary to begin her career with the Foreign Commercial Service and to complete her Master's degree.