

## Marketizing Foreign Aid

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This just in from [International Trade Canada](#), an email [below] inadvertently detailing how neoliberal expansion of markets has crept into foreign aid.

Sometimes it is just too hard to keep from getting cynical about Canada's attitude towards foreign aid. Arguing that it is not tied aid or "aid" as domestic corporate welfare is very difficult sometimes.

And the sad news, once arriving at the [website](#) is seeing SNC-Lavalin's banner grotesquely dirtying the visage. [Their contributions to global human insecurity](#) are a part of what foreign aid tries to address. They have us coming and going. And if SNC-Lavalin is fortunate it can [wash its hands of its ammunition production division](#) by selling it to the US warhog General Dynamics. The blood money would pass \$300 million.

And who says Canada is not as militaristic as our American cousins?

*Aid opportunities at International Development Days*

Winnipeg, May 3-5, 2006 > [Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters' International Development Days: Investment in Developing Countries](#) will bring together representatives from international organizations, development agencies, and the Canadian and international private sectors **to discuss opportunities for Canadian firms in the international aid market.**

Representatives from the World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, United Nations, Canadian International Development Agency, and other organizations will participate in sessions on topics such as tapping project financing in developing countries, opportunities in the renewable energy, agri-food and water management sectors, and procurement for international development projects. Participating firms can meet with international decision makers individually and through a variety of networking events.