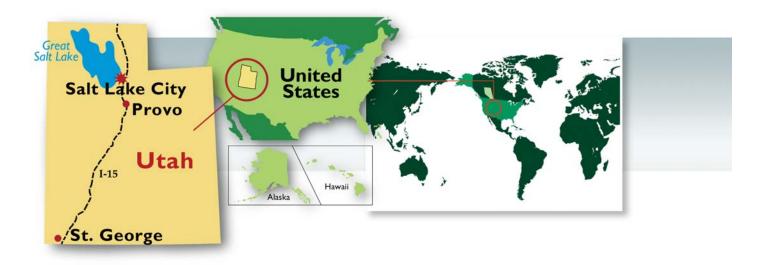
# **UTAH - ALBERTA RELATIONS**



# <u>PROFILE</u>

Capital: Salt Lake City

Population: 2.5 million (2005 Estimate)

Language: English

Government: Bicameral state government

**Head of Government:** Governor Jon Huntsman (R) Term expires: 2008

Currency: US Dollar CDN\$1 = 0.89 US (August 2006)

GSP: US\$79.1 billion (2005)

Per Capita Income: US\$28, 061 (2005)

#### Key Industry Sectors:

Machinery, aerospace, mining, food processing, electric equipment, tourism, and agriculture.

Unemployment: 3.1% (July 2006)

## Main Cities:

- Salt Lake City: 210,046 (metro approx.
  - 1 million, including within a 30 mile radius
    - o Provo: 113,459
    - o West Valley City: 113,300
    - o Sandy: 89,664
    - o Ogden: 110,046)
- St. George: 64,201
- Logan: 54,087

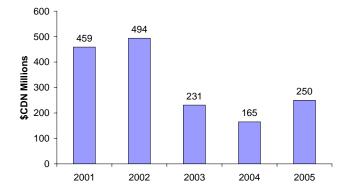
# **RELATIONSHIP OVERVIEW**

- Alberta's annual exports to Utah have averaged \$320 million over the last five years, making it an important market for Alberta.
- Mormon migrants from Utah settled much of southern Alberta in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.
- Utah is connected to Alberta by the I-15 highway, providing a link up to the CANAMEX intermodal transportation corridor.
- Based on Calgary's experience in hosting the 1988 Winter Olympics, the Calgary Olympic Development Association provided the Salt Lake City organizing committee with a significant amount of information and assistance during the planning stages for the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- The name "Utah" comes from the Native American "Ute" tribe and means people of the mountains.
- The first party of Mormon pioneers arrived in the Salt Lake Valley in 1847.
- In 1848, Utah was ceded to the US following the war with Mexico and in 1896 it became the 45<sup>th</sup> state.
- Utah is emerging as a high tech centre, with more software enterprises than California's Silicon
  Valley and one of the nation's largest concentrations of biotech companies.
- Former Utah Governor Mike Leavitt was appointed to the Bush Cabinet as Health and Human Services Secretary in January 2005.

#### Alberta Exports to Utah



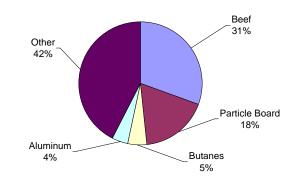
## TRADE AND INVESTMENT

- Canada is Utah's third largest export market, after Switzerland and the United Kingdom. In 2005, Canadian imports from Utah totaled approximately \$892 million.
- Alberta's exports to Utah were valued at \$250 million in 2005, a 51% increase over 2004.
- Alberta's top exports to Utah are cattle, particle board, butanes and aluminum.
- Alberta's imports from Utah totaled more than \$170 million in 2005, including sanitary products, trailers, detergents, drilling tools, airplane parts, and iron and steel rods.
- During the past five years, two-way trade between Alberta and Utah averaged \$457 million per year.

#### **CANAMEX**

- Alberta's most important relations with Utah are based on the CANAMEX Corridor Project.
- The CANAMEX coalition which includes the states of Nevada, Idaho, Utah and Montana, as well as the involvement of Alberta and Mexico – emphasizes transportation, commerce and communications.
- CANAMEX states feel the initiative will lead to further trade and social integration in the corridor.
- The transportation component calls for the development of a continuous four-lane highway through Alberta and the US, to Mexico.
- For Alberta, CANAMEX represents an opportunity to further continental trade integration and maximize the NAFTA potential.

#### 2005 Alberta Exports to Utah



## **EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES**

- High technology
- Transportation
- Tourism

## RECENT VISITS

 Greg Melchin, Minister of Revenue, traveled to Utah in October 2003 to explain the status of the oilsands and highlight pipeline development in Alberta.

#### DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION

- Mr. Tom Huffaker is the U.S. Consul General in Calgary.
- Canada's Consulate General located in Los Angeles is responsible for Utah. The Consul General is Mr. Alain Dudoit.