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COURRIER

Louisiane

L'axe Québec-Louisiane se renforce

La firme québécoise Bell-Hélicoptères de Mirabel a conclu avec la Louisiane un accord portant sur 135 millions de dollars.

Cela représente la vente de 154 hélicoptères à Péruvian-Hélicoptères Inc. de la Nouvelle-Orléans et... 4 ans de travail pour 1100 Québécois! Cette commande est destinée à rajeunir la flotte de quelque 300 hélicoptères qui ravitaillement quotidiennement les nombreuses plates-formes pétrolières du golfe du Mexique. On oubli trop souvent qu’après le Texas, la Louisiane est le principal producteur pétrolier des États-Unis. 

A cette occasion, le représentant du Québec en Louisiane a tenu à souligner les excellentes relations entre le Québec et la Louisiane, rappelant que le Bureau du Québec en Louisiane prèche depuis longtemps pour l’interprétation des échanges culturels, touristiques et économiques.

Tant sur le plan culturel, avec notamment le succès que l’on connaît pour la diffusion de TV5 en Louisiane, que sur le plan économique. Ainsi qu’on peut le constater avec cet accord, l’équipe du Bureau du Québec en Louisiane ouvre une voie originale et prometteuse. Il est vrai que la nature même des deux interlocuteurs, leurs liens historiques privilégiés, se prêtaient admirablement à ces relations hors du commun!

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