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The government's small-business lender Nacional Financiera (NAFINSA) announced plans to expand its representation outside Mexico City in order to decentralize the agency's functions and provide increased support to small businesses in the interior of the country. The plans include opening seven regional offices in 1993, along with a series of privately-managed business centers. According to a NAFINSA spokesperson, the agency's goal is to limit the growth of the Mexico City work force and encourage job creation in other parts of the country. The regional centers will be located in Guadalajara, Monterrey, Oaxaca, Queretaro City, Chihuahua, Toluca and Merida. The spokesperson said NAFINSA would also seek to promote the relationship between the country's large businesses and small enterprises. The agency plans to establish so-called "negocentros," or business centers, managed by the private sector, to provide information and support to medium-sized, small and micro businesses. Two of these centers are due to open in February in Mexico and Nuevo Leon states. NAFINSA will also encourage small businesses to participate in projects to modernize infrastructure and protect the environment. The agency will provide credit guarantees and loans, as well as technical assistance. (Source: Notimex, 01/05/93)

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