

Starting a business in Panama

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Here is an e-mail from a member from Kingston, ON. He is asking about starting a solar business in Panama. Roberto

Hi Roberto, My name is Al G. and I am located in Kingston.

I got your name from a friend of mine and saw your note around Retirement Detectives.

I was trying to retire but got a bit bored and started up a Solar business and am trying to mate up my love of travel, warm weather, other cultures with my my expertise in the business. I am a P Eng and have started a few enquires in Panama but nothing raised as yet.

Wondering if you can direct me a bit or introduce me to any local resources. I have a drive to come to Panama for a couple of weeks this coming winter and scout things out.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Here is my response:

Dear Al,

Panama is one of the easiest jurisdictions to start a business I have ever experienced. Just because you are retiring, does not mean your brain is dead. I have never worked so hard as I have since I "retired". To me, being "retired" means I was tired yesterday, I am tired today - I am RE-TIRED.

I have seen a solar shop on Via Brasil near the Pricesmart. I am asking people if they know of any solar panel distributor - so far no luck.

You may try the Colon Free Trade Zone - www.colonfreezone.com - see if they have anyone in solar panels or systems?

Hope this helps. Roberto