

## Chapter 13

# Innovation, Science and Technology

- working with Canadian venture capital and private equity interests to partner with sources of foreign risk capital to increase investment in Canadian innovation.

The GIS has established priority partners with whom Canada has been or will be pursuing bilateral S&T agreements. These are countries with strong innovation capabilities and that offer good market potential and positive investment environments. They include the U.S., Japan, Germany, the U.K., France, the EU, Switzerland, the Nordic nations, Israel, Korea, China, India, and Brazil. For more information, please visit [www.infoexport.gc.ca/science/agreements-en.htm](http://www.infoexport.gc.ca/science/agreements-en.htm).

The GIS will focus on R&D-intensive, early-stage companies, researchers with commercially oriented ideas, and researchers who can accelerate commercialization. It will build on and integrate DFAIT's existing innovation-related tools and resources, which include:

- The Going Global S&T Program, which supports projects that connect Canadian researchers with key players in other countries to foster opportunities for collaborative R&D partnerships. Please see [www.infoexport.gc.ca/science/gglobal-en.htm](http://www.infoexport.gc.ca/science/gglobal-en.htm).
- The International Science and Technology Partnerships Program (ISTPP), a five-year, \$20-million program (established in 2005) to support joint R&D projects with strong commercialization potential between Canada and China, India, Israel and, in time, Brazil. Please see [www.infoexport.gc.ca/science/istpp-en.htm](http://www.infoexport.gc.ca/science/istpp-en.htm).
- The Canada-California Strategic Innovation Partnership (CCSIP), an informal initiative for collaboration and exchange among academic, private sector, financial and government organizations. The CCSIP champions new models of cooperation and projects in innovation-intensive areas. Please see [www.ccsip.org/](http://www.ccsip.org/).

Most notably, DFAIT's Trade Commissioner Service—a worldwide network that includes specialized S&T officers in leading innovation countries (please see [www.infoexport.gc.ca/science/network-en.htm#STCs](http://www.infoexport.gc.ca/science/network-en.htm#STCs))—works with partners to connect Canadian businesses and researchers with world-class technology opportunities and key international research partners. For further information on the department's STI program, please visit [www.infoexport.gc.ca/science](http://www.infoexport.gc.ca/science).