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Significant research and development and procurement activities are carried on in the defence industries sector within the Consulate General's territory. An officer located at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, and attached to the Canadian Consulate General at Cleveland, is responsible for identifying Canadian industry opportunities arising from such activities.

In general, activity at Wright Patterson involves the aerospace and electrical-electronics sectors. Additionally, significant medical research related to the air environment and toxic hazards is performed. Wright Patterson Air Force Base is also involved in the testing and proving of new weapons programs (e.g., The F-16 military aircraft). Canadian manufacturers involved at the R&D stages of a program have a better chance of becoming further involved once the program is approved for production. Subcontract requirements in the above-noted sectors have provided Canadian firms with significant opportunities.

Another area of potential opportunity for qualified Canadian firms is in co-operative research programs. These provide for Canadian firms to develop equipment for U.S. use. Funding is 50 per cent Canadian, and 50 per cent U.S.

Other military agencies in the territory provide opportunities for a variety of products, such as construction equipment and related parts, hardware, and electronic components.

Canadian companies requiring assistance in obtaining prime contracts for products and services, and research and development programs for military agencies or subcontracts from major defence industries located in the territory, should contact the Canadian Trade Commissioner at Wright Patterson Air Force Base:

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