automated permit ports, transponder identification systems, and joint processing centres for commercial cargo and air passengers. These, together with Canada's network of roads, rail, and air linkages into the United States ensure the easy and seamless movement of goods and people across international borders.

## Canada's Asia Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative

To help ensure Canada's gateway advantages, the Canadian government launched an ambitious infrastructure project in October 2006 called the Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative (APGCI). Motivated by the huge increase in cargo traffic in the past decade with Asian countries and China in particular, the APGCI is an unprecedented, integrated framework to strengthen Canada's multi-modal transportation system. The Initiative has been fuelled with a \$1-billion fund to increase the efficiency and reliability of the transportation network between North America and Asia-Pacific. The APG Corridor Initiative complements significant investments by Canadian provinces and the private sector.

MOST CANADIAN PRODUCTION HUBS ARE CLOSER TO U.S. MARKETS THAN U.S. PRODUCTION SITES



8.5

minutes: the average wait time for commercial vehicles at the Canada-U.S. border

1.5

hours: the average driving time from most major Canadian cities to the U.S. border

\$712

billion: the value of Canada-U.S. two-way trade