

US DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND

AFMC LIAISON OFFICE (Canada)

This office represents the United States Air Force (USAF), Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC), in a program for research and development cooperation with Canada. Our mission is to achieve improved utilization of Canadian scientific, technical, and industrial resources through increased Canadian participation in AFMC research, development, and acquisition (RD&A) projects. A secondary goal is to enhance rationalization, standardization, and inter-operability of military equipment in the interest of mutual defense. The Memorandum of Understanding in the Field of Cooperative Development between the United States Department of Defense and the Canadian Department of Defence Production was signed on 21 Nov 63. That MOU is the basis for this office and defines our primary mission. Our office is sponsored by the International Marketing Bureau, Aerospace and Defence Programs Division, External Affairs and International Trade Canada.

The office promotes participation in the Defense Development Sharing Program (DDSP). Under this program, appropriate AFMC programs receive partial funding from the Canadian government for contracts placed in Canada. We provide interested AFMC project and procurement officers with suggested Canadian sources for their requirements. We publish biennially an informative Guide to Canadian Aerospace-Related Industries that is distributed to all AFMC procurement centers. Copies are also sent to Air Force Logistics Centers, United States Army, and Navy research and development establishments, and major prime contractors in the United States. We help Canadian industry by providing specific points-of-contact for their products and expertise within the Air Force Materiel Command.

Other functions of the AFMC Liaison Office (Canada) include:

- a. Maintaining contact with Canadian government, industrial, and academic communities to identify basic research, development, and production efforts of mutual interest.
- b. Recommending to both AFMC and Canadian agencies those areas that show potential for new cooperative RD&A projects.
- c. Providing educational materials to AFMC organizations about Canadian industry capabilities and United States-Canada joint RD&A arrangements.
- d. Helping Canadian representatives in making travel arrangements to AFMC installations.