

A key organization in the promotion of science and technology is the New Jersey Commission on Science and Technology with its network of eleven Advanced Technology Centers and five Technology Extension Centers.

KEY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

The N.J. Commission on Science and Technology funds a *grants program* (Innovation Partnerships) in partnership with the state's private companies to provide funds to support academic researchers pursuing investigations into immediate and specific industrial problems. The Commission's *Business Development Programs* include: "Bridge Grants" to help small research firms secure federal research funding to discover novel technologies to launch new businesses; a "Venture Match" program to team venture capitalists with promising enterprises; the "Entrepreneurs Forum" where business leaders share financial, managerial and marketing skills with technology driven entrepreneurs; a network of "business incubators" to provide new technology and science-based firms with space and support services linked to the state's universities and laboratories.

CONDITIONS OF ACCESS

The N.J. Commission on Science and Technology has recently amended its policy on access by foreign firms to the technologies and expertise housed in its eleven advanced technology center (ATC's) to permit Canadian firms and research institutions access as if they were New Jersey firms. This means that Canadian firms can apply to become a member of an Industrial Advisory Board of a given ATC which would mean full access to the generic research performed by that ATC. Alternately, Canadian firms can enter into a bilateral relationship with an individual ATC to access technology.

This improved access for Canadian firms and research institutions is predicated on reciprocal access by New Jersey firms and research institutes to technology developments in Canada.

TECHNOLOGICAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CANADIANS

There are excellent enhanced opportunities for Canadian firms to access technology in New Jersey's four areas of concentration: biotechnology, telematics, advanced materials, environmental protection technologies. In addition, technologies available from private research centres, like the David Sarnoff Research Center, can be licensed for specific applications.

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