

industry has sprung up, with 3400 active companies and 80 000 employees.

**We are a country with a business-friendly environment.** Canada fully understands that the knowledge economy is all about business people and innovators. Businesses and foreign investors in Canada already benefit from the best research and development tax incentives in the world. Now, we are committed to making Canada one of the top five R&D countries by 2010, and the current federal investment in R&D will at least double by then.

To further enhance Canada's business environment, the Canadian government recognizes the foreign credentials of immigrants.

Knowing that Canada needs to attract more skilled workers from abroad, the federal government is working with the Canadian provinces and territories to take advantage of the knowledge-base of immigrants, and their more rapid integration into Canadian society.