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## WORKSHOPS ON ACQUISITION OF FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY

## TO BE HELD ACROSS CANADA

OCTOBER 13 - 22

The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable Pat Carney, announced that a group of technology officers from Canadian diplomatic missions abroad will travel across Canada from October 13 - 22 to meet Canadian business-people interested in acquiring foreign technological know-how.

This second annual series of workshops is part of the Department of External Affairs' "Technology Inflow Program" (TIP). The program, which started in January, 1986, helps private business, as well as universities and government agencies, acquire technological expertise not currently available in Canada. aims to increase the competitiveness of Canadian firms by helping them ensure that their products include the latest technology and are produced by the most advanced processes. TIP works closely with the National Research Council's Industrial Research Assistance Program, an initiative with closely-related goals.

The purpose of the workshops is to inform Canadian organizations about the program and how they can benefit from it. In addition, for companies that already understand the program, the workshops provide an opportunity to discuss in detail with TIP officers their needs for technological innovation and how TIP can assist them in acquiring foreign technology.

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