include: establishment of a Canadian Technology Network; follow-up to the federal Science and Technology Review; improved international science and technology (S&T) intelligence; broader international research and development co-operation; and support for Canada's information highway.

Competing for International Investment

Economic growth and job creation are increasingly tied to our ability to attract investment from abroad. Building on existing investment development programs, the Government will work with Canadian companies to capitalize on Canada as a base from which to penetrate the NAFTA market. It will also target new and expanded investment for Canada by building on Canadian industrial strengths.

An important objective will be to provide potential investors with value-added, timely responses to their inquiries, and to turn a higher number of these inquiries into investment intelligence upon which governments and the private sector can act. Helping Canadian SMEs gain secure access to international venture capital will also be a priority. The Government will work with companies to protect and increase their international market share by helping them identify international investment opportunities that allow them to expand globally.