

the intent is to build upon the expertise gained in the following surveys which had questions related to offshoring: 2005 Innovation Survey, Natural Health Products Survey, Language Industry Survey, and the functional Foods and Nutraceuticals Survey.

3. Describe and recommend the survey strategy. The strategic elements include the choice of observation unit and the proposed survey frame, and the description and field-testing of a survey vehicle. The final sample size will be dependent on the amount of detail expected to be derived from the sample (geography, firm size, firm ownership and industrial detail).

Commercialization

Funding was also approved by the Policy Research Data Group to undertake a pilot survey of commercialization activities in Canada. This survey will examine how new developments are brought to market, both for projects undertaken in Canada and commercialized here and for projects developed by Canadian firms outside the country to exploit new market opportunities. The survey will be conducted in 2007 for reference year 2006.

International Labour Supply and Remittances

Globalization is not just a business enterprise phenomenon. With an increasing proportion of the labour supply in many countries coming from temporary and permanent migration, households and extended families are becoming more global.

The large immigrant populations in many countries, including Canada, transfer significant amounts of resources to their home countries to support family members that remain behind. The importance of developing reliable estimates of these international remittances by persons has been recognized by international financial and statistical organizations, as well as by the leaders of the G8 countries at the Sea Island Summit in July 2004. Canadian measures of these flows are poor and the possibility of improving these data is being reviewed.

The Survey of Household Spending (SHS) collects some data on this phenomenon, but the variance is high given that the sample is not designed to ensure adequate representation of the