provinces might learn from state experiments in economic development. To do so will require a shift in attitude, since whenever Canadians think of development initiatives it is highly unlikely that they look to the state governments in the U.S. Such thinking, in the post-recession era, is a mistake as the tools developed in the 51 'laboratories' (including Puerto Rico) are likely to contain many useful features for Canadians. Likewise, the federal government has a stake in monitoring state activity in this area as it is through borrowing from state successes that the innovations in American national industrial development are likely to be created.