

THE ACQUISITION OF FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Ever since the Government announced its strategy on this subject in 1982, the scientific community in Ottawa has been concerned with the importation of advanced technologies that could be used by Canadian industry. The many sectors involved include government departments, the Science Council, the NRC, universities, provinces and the industrial sector. The needs are recognized and the sources of supply abroad are often known. However, the same cannot be said for the information-gathering and delivery networks or systems.

OBJECTIVES

- Consideration should be given to the Department's role in the acquisition and marketing process, and decisions are required respecting the resources it should allocate to these matters:
 1. Clarify the role of EA in the search for foreign technology.
 2. Link EA's role with existing networks in Canada to ensure that information gathered abroad is transmitted rapidly and in a useful manner.
 3. Clarify what resources are required (p-y; budget).

WORK PLAN

a) Consultation (already undertaken) with the Canadian organizations involved (NRC, SCC, DRIE) in order to identify their interests and their capacity to cooperate with EA and embassies abroad.

b) Comparative study of the networks and methods of operation of foreign countries in this field. Identify which methods would be applicable to our system. Possible visits to some countries.

c) Recommendations and proposals:

1. On the network to be established abroad.
2. On the home-base and liaison services required in Ottawa to support this system;