

warheads, the few getting through would be destroyed by the ABM system.

SDI would escalate the arms war. SDI violates the 1972 ABM Treaty, undermines the current Geneva talks and lessens chances for success in future talks. It damages the relationship between the superpowers, and increases tensions, distrust and insecurity.

SDI would prompt massive redirection of resources from the civilian to the military sector. Few jobs would be created, due to the highly specialized and classified nature of the SDI. It represented misplaced priorities. It's obscene to direct money to nuclear weapons development with so much hunger, misery and poor living conditions in the world.

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An unparalleled opportunity

Edmonton Chamber of Commerce (President Bruce Campbell) favoured participation in SDI research, citing job creation, high technology and spinoff effects as probable benefits.

"SDI is an unparalleled opportunity to diversify into high growth industries and value-added manufacturing." The program would provide numerous job opportunities and spinoffs in the civilian sector, said Mr. Campbell.

A decision not to participate, he warned, could further add to the export of scientific and high technology workers to the U.S.

The Chamber encouraged Canada's early commitment in order to beat out competitors for contracts, but said conditions and terms of an agreement would have to be worked out to ensure benefits would accrue to Canada as well as the U.S.