- In 1986, TIP focused mainly on accessing strategic technologies (i.e. information technologies, advanced industrial materials, and the biotechnologies) for research and development oriented companies. While this trend continues, recent growth in TIP fund use has come mainly from companies in traditional industries without their own R&D. This tendency will probably continue, as TIP has proven to be one of the government's best programs to help mainstream Canadian companies take advantage of the opportunities provided by the Free Trade Agreement, and the new global marketplace.
- In 1989, and this year, all 10 provincial regions of the National Research Council's IRAP program have highlighted greater activity and use of TIP as one of their priorities.

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