government has been very active in working with business to expand external markets in order to create jobs here at home. Greater co-operation and collaboration between our government and the federal government will enhance our ability to do that."

This MOU represents an important milestone in the bilateral Action Plan between the federal and Saskatchewan governments aimed at improving the efficiency of the federation. First Ministers launched this initiative at their meeting in December 1993. The formal Action Plan was signed by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and Premier Roy Romanow in July 1994.

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A copy of the MOU is attached.

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