

- *State Committee for Science and Technology*

The Committee has five main functions:

- planning the development of science
- supervision over the fulfilment of the plan
- the establishment of rules and standards for the conduct of research and development
- the processing and dissemination of scientific and technical information
- the arrangement of foreign contacts.

The State Committee only has 2% to 3% of the science budget to allocate to promising lines of research.

- *USSR Academy of Sciences*

The Academy is the country's highest scientific establishment. It is responsible for promoting basic research in both the natural and social sciences and for implementing research in promising spheres of industrial development. The Academy has 332 full and 597 corresponding members. The Academy is comprised of 17 scientific divisions and 3 regional divisions. The research, within this framework, is carried out by more than 300 institutions.

CONDITIONS OF ACCESS

The sale and purchase of patents, licenses and "know how" falls within the purview of the Licensintorg of the Ministry of Foreign Trade.

Economic restructuring is now stressing joint ventures between foreign and Soviet companies.

TECHNOLOGICAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CANADIANS

Opportunities exist principally in the area of resource extraction especially in the machinery and equipment sector.

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