

The major firms mentioned earlier also have technology development units. In fact, private research in Rhône-Alpes represents:

- 50% of French research in textiles
- 42% of the national research in non-ferrous metals
- 27% of chemical research
- 100% of research in high and very high voltage electricity

KEY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

There are no specific regional programs. Rhône-Alpes based firms submit their request for assistance in innovation research to the Lyon offices of the two appropriate Government Agencies:

- ANVAR (Agence Nationale pour la Valorisation de la Recherche)
- DRIR (Direction Régionale de l'Industrie et de la Recherche)

CONDITIONS OF ACCESS

There are no specific conditions applying to foreign firms and research organizations wishing to collaborate with counterparts in this region (or for licensing technology).

TECHNOLOGICAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CANADIANS

The key areas of opportunity are electronics, telecommunications, nuclear energy, hydraulics, plastics and composites, fine and agricultural chemicals and pharmaceuticals. The Ontario government has recently signed an agreement for technological cooperation with this region; one of the so-called "four motors of Europe".

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