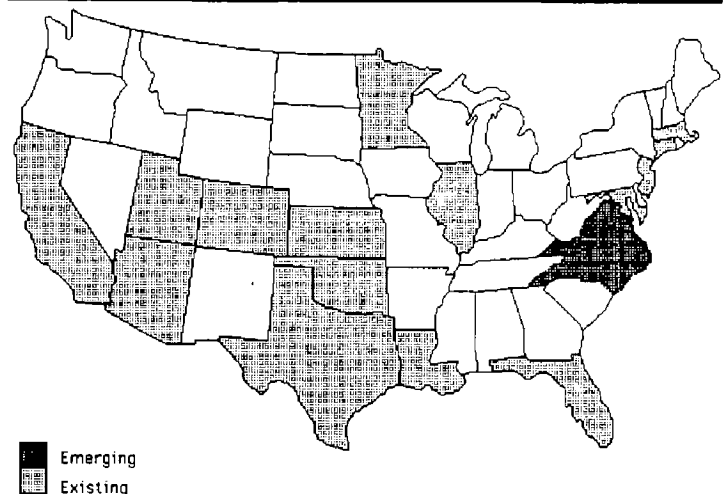


airports and interstate highways are in demand. All of these, along with the relative proximity of NASA's Langley Research Centre and the planned federal Continuous Beam Accelerator Facility, led Canon to choose the Virginia peninsula as the site for its \$200 million manufacturing plant. Eventually its 175 acre site will be developed into a research and development park.

High-tech is re-ordering the economic ranking of states and communities.

These business and environmental considerations are leading to high tech growth in a new set of places. Already this has led to a rather remarkable ranking of states by their high tech specialization (Fig.16). According to Berkeley studies, Arizona, Connecticut, Kansas, Maryland and Colorado have the highest proportions of their manufacturing work forces in high tech industry. Only four traditional manufacturing states figure in the top fifteen. At the local level, high tech plants are moving to a rather select set of communities - often the suburban fringes of existing high tech agglomerations or small urban centres with military connections - which offer sites in exceptional park land settings, good transportation and parking, and potential for mixed use developments.



**Figure 16: States with High Tech Agglomerations**

Source: based on "High Tech Plants and Jobs: What Really Lures Them?", Economic Development Commentary, Vol. 10, No. 3, Fall 1986