

"TIP Officers" at our diplomatic posts abroad respond to requests from Canadians to identify sources of technology, and are available to assist in negotiations to acquire it. Through the "TIP Fund", the program supports the international costs of ventures abroad by Canadian firms searching for technology to improve their products or manufacturing processes. Within Canada, TIP works closely with the National Research Council's Industrial Research Assistance Program, an initiative whose goals are closely related to TIP's.

TIP's annual budget of \$1.6 million will rise, as a result of "InnovAction", to \$2.85 million in the current fiscal year, \$4.6 million in 1988/89, and to \$5.6 million in 1989/90 and 1990/91. The new funding totals \$12.3 million, from which TIP will be able to hire more TIP Officers abroad and bolster the TIP Fund.