

TECHNOLOGY INFLOW PROGRAM (TIP) -- FACT SHEET

- * The Technology Inflow Program (TIP) was established in 1986 by External Affairs and International Trade Canada (EAITC). TIP is designed to help small and medium-sized Canadian businesses stay competitive by acquiring leading world technologies.
- * TIP accomplishes this goal by first identifying these technologies abroad, and giving Canadian companies information about them. TIP also provides financial assistance to qualifying companies to help defray the cost of travelling abroad to obtain the technology.
- * Forty-three Technology Development Officers in 34 Canadian missions abroad deliver TIP internationally.
- * The National Research Council's (NRC) Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP) is TIP's "lead" agency in delivering the program across Canada. This includes delegated authority to approve certain types of funding applications. There are 220 NRC officers who counsel Canadian firms on how to access TIP. Industry, Science and Technology Canada (ISTC) is involved in supportive and promotional roles, as are other science-based departments of the federal and provincial governments.
- * In 1989, Canadian missions abroad received and responded to over 3,000 inquiries regarding TIP from Canadian companies.
- * Since TIP was first implemented in 1986, 1,100 projects have been funded: roughly 40 in the first year; 100 in 1987; 300 in 1988, and 600 in 1989 -- more than a 100 per cent increase in demand year after year.
- * Companies in Ontario and Quebec, followed by Alberta and British Columbia, submit the most inquiries and funding applications. However, on a per capita basis, requests and submissions are fairly equal across the country, with the Maritimes leading by a small margin.