

- *The Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences (IVA) - Stockholm*; The IVA is a learned society whose aim is to "promote engineering sciences and industry for the benefit of society". In 1988 its budget was \$8 million U.S. IVA conducts studies and analyses of technological issues and their impact on modern society and industry. IVA also acts as a forum for international contacts for the exchange of specialists and information on R&D, and for the establishment of technical and industrial collaboration.
- *The National Industrial Board (SIND)*; SIND operates under the Department of Industry, and manages a system of regional development funds set up in each of the 24 Swedish counties. A main objective of these funds is to finance industrial innovation especially in the latter stages of the innovation process (ie. pilot plant, test production, market evaluation).
- *Information Technology Programme*; Funded at an estimated cost of SEK 1.1 billion, part of this program is incorporated in the government's agreements on industrial development in the field of IT with ASEA, Ericsson, Nobel Industries, SASB-Scania and Teli.

#### **KEY SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

The STU delivers the principal support programs. As well, there are international initiatives under EUREKA, EC programs and Nordic country programs.

#### **CONDITIONS OF ACCESS**

Except for normal considerations of confidentiality and propriety rights, foreign involvement is treated from a business point of view of cost, benefit and risk.

#### **TECHNOLOGICAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CANADIANS**

Areas of interest to Canadians are; pulp and paper (new processes, energy savings, recycling); forestry (reforestation, forest management, harvesting); wood (optimization, sawing, drying, components, automation); mechanical (automated materials handling); energy (solid fuel combustion, industrial heat pumps, district heating); and environment (solvents, aerobic water treatment, energy production from household waste, catalytic converters).

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