

## **NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (NRC)**

Canadian companies hoping to succeed in the Mexican marketplace may require additional technology to improve their competitiveness. The NRC works with Canadian firms of all sizes to develop and apply technology for economic benefit. The Council manages the Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP), a national network for the diffusion and transfer of technology.

The IRAP network supports the process of developing, accessing, acquiring, implanting and using technology throughout Canadian industry. IRAP has been in existence for 50 years and has acquired a reputation as one of the most flexible and effective federal programs. IRAP takes advantage of an extensive network of more than 190

different locations within approximately 90 communities across Canada, including numerous provincial technology centres, the NRC's own laboratories and research institutes, federal government departments, and technology transfer offices in Canadian universities. For further information, contact:

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