

TECHNOLOGY STRENGTHS

The major technology strengths in this territory can be found in all aspects of commercial aircraft manufacturing and systems integration, defence aircraft & systems, space based radars, space stations, application software development, operating software systems, computer test equipment, biotechnology with emphasis on forestry and medical, oceans and atmosphere research and oil spill clean up.

KEY ORGANIZATIONS

Most of technology development undertaken in this territory is done by the private sector in particular with the Boeing Company, the territory's largest employer (110,000 employees). Boeing's following subsidiaries are responsible for most of the technology activity: Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Boeing Computers and Boeing Defence & Space Group. Other key private sector organizations include Microsoft, Microim, Aldus, University of Washington, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research, Immunex, Tektronix, Mentor Graphics, Intel, and Weyerhaeuser. Government agencies actively involved in technology development include Bonneville Power Administration and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

KEY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

No programs exist, however Boeing Defence & Space Group is always interested in working with capable Canadian companies.

CONDITIONS OF ACCESS

With the rare exception of a defence procurement policy preventing Canadian companies from participating, there are no barriers to Canadian companies wanting collaboration.

TECHNOLOGICAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CANADIANS

Opportunities lie in the areas highlighted in the section on Technology Strengths.

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