

# APPENDIX

## SELECTED WEB LINKS TO GOVERNMENT-FUNDED PROGRAMS

*We* have chosen a selected list of Web links to government sponsored programs aimed primarily but not exclusively at *small to medium sized enterprises (SMEs)*. Brief extracts from the respective Web sites are also provided but readers are encouraged to view the actual Web sites for more specific detail as well as for updates on the various government-funded programs. Web page addresses may change over time.

Program	Brief Description
Government of Canada <a href="http://www.ic.gc.ca/epic/site/ic1.nsf/en/h_00156e.html">www.ic.gc.ca/epic/site/ic1.nsf/en/h_00156e.html</a>	This site provides a general <i>list of various government agencies</i> that offer assistance to business.
The Advanced Manufacturing Investment Strategy (AMIS) Program <a href="http://www.ontariocanada.com/ontcan/en/progserv_amis_en.jsp">www.ontariocanada.com/ontcan/en/progserv_amis_en.jsp</a>	AMIS is administered by the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Trade. The AMIS program seeks to <i>encourage eligible companies operating in Ontario to transform processes and adopt leading-edge technologies</i> that will increase productivity and competitiveness.
Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) <a href="http://www.bdc.ca/en/business_solutions/venture_capital/about_us/default.htm">www.bdc.ca/en/business_solutions/venture_capital/about_us/default.htm</a>	BDC is a financial institution wholly owned by the Government of Canada and plays a leadership role in delivering <i>financial and consulting services to Canadian small and medium-sized businesses, with a particular focus on the technology and export sectors of the economy</i> . BDC is also mandated to be a complementary lender in the market.
Export Development Canada (EDC) <a href="http://www.edc.ca">www.edc.ca</a>	EDC is a Crown Corporation operating on commercial principles. <i>EDC provides innovative financing, insurance, and bonding solutions to Canadian companies that export goods and services, or invest in other countries</i> . Approximately 90% of EDC's customers are small and medium-sized businesses.
Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP) <a href="http://irap-pari.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca">http://irap-pari.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca</a>	IRAP <i>assists Canadian small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) meet technological challenges and build innovation capacity</i> . Canadian

	<p>small or medium-sized incorporated businesses are eligible for support. Applicants have to present a strong business case for a technology, demonstrate the technical, financial, and managerial capacity to take an idea from concept to commercialization and demonstrate a clear need for financial support.</p>
<p>Ontario Innovation Demonstration Fund (IDF)  <a href="http://www.mri.gov.on.ca/english/programs/idf/guidelines.asp">www.mri.gov.on.ca/english/programs/idf/guidelines.asp</a></p>	<p>The IDF is administered by the Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation. IDF is a discretionary, non-entitlement funding program to <i>help companies in their efforts to commercialize innovative technologies in Ontario</i>. The fund focuses on the commercialization and initial demonstration of innovative technologies, processes and/or products. The IDF places special <i>emphasis on bio-based, environmental, and alternative energy technologies</i>.</p>
<p>MaRS—Business Mentorship and Entrepreneurship Program (BMEP)  <a href="http://www.marsdd.com">www.marsdd.com</a></p>	<p>BMEP is managed by MaRS Discovery District on behalf of the Ministry of Research and Innovation. BMEP programs and services can be accessed through Ontario Commercialization Network (OCN) organizations. BMEP helps innovative science and technology companies bring new technologies to market by providing the necessary skills and services. BMEP is designed to meet the needs of <i>startup and early-stage science and technology companies as well as small and medium-sized enterprises in these sectors</i>.</p>

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<p>The Office of Small and Medium Enterprises (OSME)  <a href="http://www.pwgsc.gc.ca/ontario/osme-bpme/whoweare-e.html">www.pwgsc.gc.ca/ontario/osme-bpme/whoweare-e.html</a></p>	<p>The OSME <i>assists Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) as they navigate the procurement system.</i> The office engages SMEs to understand their concerns and encourages them to do business with the federal government. The OSME also provides regional input for solutions, through advice and policy development, to reduce barriers and increase opportunities for SMEs to do business with the government.</p>
<p>Ontario Centres of Excellence Inc. (OCE)—Investor Acceleration Fund (IAF)  <a href="http://www.oce-ontario.org">www.oce-ontario.org</a></p>	<p>OCE is a leading driver of the research to commercialization process, with a strategic focus on improving Ontario’s competitiveness through innovation. OCE partners with industry, universities, colleges, research hospitals, investors, and governments to bridge the gap between academic research and the marketplace. <i>OCE accelerates innovation in Ontario through strategic investments in three program areas: research, commercialization, and talent.</i></p>
<p>Ontario Scientific Research and Experimental Development Expenditures (SR&amp;ED)  <a href="http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/taxcredit/sred/regions-e.html">www.cra-arc.gc.ca/taxcredit/sred/regions-e.html</a></p>	<p>SR&amp;ED is administered by the Ontario Ministry of Revenue. The Ontario government provides a <i>deduction for scientific research and experimental development carried out in Ontario.</i> Rules used in the calculation of Ontario SR&amp;ED are complex. See Web site for specific details.</p>
<p>The Canada Small Business Financing Program (CSBF)  <a href="http://www.ic.gc.ca/epic/site/csbfp-pfpec.nsf/en/Home">www.ic.gc.ca/epic/site/csbfp-pfpec.nsf/en/Home</a></p>	<p>The CSBF program <i>seeks to increase the availability of loans for establishing, expanding, modernizing, and improving small businesses.</i> It does this by</p>

	encouraging financial institutions to make their financing available to small businesses. Under the Program, a small business must apply for a loan at a financial institution of its choice. If the loan is granted by the financial institution, the federal government will reimburse a specific percentage of the lender's losses in the event of default.
Sustainable Development Technology Canada <b><a href="http://www.sdtc.ca/en/funding/index.htm">www.sdtc.ca/en/funding/index.htm</a></b>	SDTC program provides funding for development of clean technologies.
Technology Partnerships Canada (TPC) <b><a href="http://ito.ic.gc.ca/epic/site/ito-oti.nsf/en/h_00004e.html">http://ito.ic.gc.ca/epic/site/ito-oti.nsf/en/h_00004e.html</a></b>	TPC is a special operating agency of Industry Canada with a mandate to <i>provide funding support for strategic research and development, and demonstration projects</i> that will produce economic, social, and environmental benefits to Canadians. TPC's assist Canadian companies perform R&D that takes new technologies closer to the marketplace.
Ontario Fuel Cell Innovation Program <b><a href="http://www.mri.gov.on.ca/english/programs/ofcip/guidelines.asp">www.mri.gov.on.ca/english/programs/ofcip/guidelines.asp</a></b>	Fuel cells and fuel cell-related technologies funding by Ontario, Ministry of Research & Innovation.
Ontario Premier's Catalyst Award <b><a href="http://www.mri.gov.on.ca/english/programs/pca/program.asp">www.mri.gov.on.ca/english/programs/pca/program.asp</a></b>	The Catalyst Awards provide five awards of \$200,000 for developing a commercially successful new, or significantly improved, product or service based on a breakthrough technology.
Advanced Manufacturing Investment Strategy <b><a href="http://www.ontariocanada.com/ontcan/en/progserv_amis_cfp_en.jsp">www.ontariocanada.com/ontcan/en/progserv_amis_cfp_en.jsp</a></b>	The program is designed to encourage companies to transform processes and adopt leading-edge technologies that will increase their productivity and competitiveness.

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<p>North Job Creation Program  <a href="http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/nohfc/program_enjcp_e.asp">www.mndm.gov.on.ca/nohfc/program_enjcp_e.asp</a></p>	<p>The program provides loans for Northern Ontario companies expanding their enterprises.</p>
<p>Northern Ontario Technology companies  <a href="http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/nohfc/program_enjcp_e.asp">www.mndm.gov.on.ca/nohfc/program_enjcp_e.asp</a></p>	<p>The Emerging Technology Program is designed to encourage both the private and public sectors to develop exciting and viable new technologies that will contribute to future northern prosperity.</p>
<p>Business Advisory Services  <a href="http://www.sbe.gov.on.ca/ontcan/sbe/en/st_busadvise_en.jsp">www.sbe.gov.on.ca/ontcan/sbe/en/st_busadvise_en.jsp</a></p>	<p>Business Advisors provide targeted business advisory services to Ontario businesses to help them compete and grow, both domestically and internationally.</p>

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