

## Small Project ARP

The National Research Council of Canada, through its Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC – IRAP) provides support to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Canada in the development and commercialization of technologies and products. NRC-IRAP recognizes that a balance of technology, market and other business oriented support is required to address the needs and accelerate the growth of SMEs.

To meet this challenge, NRC-IRAP has introduced a *Small Project Accelerated Review Process*:

- covering projects with a maximum contribution of \$50,000 from NRC-IRAP;
- covering up to 100% of internal labour and 75% of sub-contractor fees;
- providing a streamlined process for rapid turnaround; and,
- providing a scope of eligible activities to include a wide range of technology, business and market oriented support.

Client eligibility criteria remains: incorporated, for-profit firms with 500 or less full-time employees, with a separate legal status and operating in Canada with the objective to grow and generate profits through the adoption, adaptation, development and commercialization of innovative or technology-driven new or improved products, services or processes in Canada.

Projects eligible for the *Small Project Accelerated Review Process* include:

- Small R&D projects limited in scope and nature
- Assessment of technology needs for adoption of technology (e.g. ERP, Accounting systems, IT Systems, IT security audits, etc.)
- Lean manufacturing/productivity studies
- Technical feasibility studies
- Design: product design, engineering design, design for manufacture
- Prototype engineering
- Engineering process analysis
- Productivity enhancement studies
- Development of business, sales and marketing plans and image creation (branding)
- Development of e-commerce enabled website (or upgrading of website)
- Development of international strategies
- Development of supply chain strategies
- Competitive market research and competitive intelligence studies
- Feasibility study / assessment for new service or product venture
- Financial / corporate restructure for improved growth potential (e.g. investor readiness)
- Intellectual Property (IP) assessment, planning and strategy assistance
- First patent application (not CIPs nor other country filings)
- Licensing and commercialization strategy
- Research or technology evaluation-related travel and living expenses
- Diagnostics (business or technical)
- Other projects not entirely technical in nature

For more information contact your local Industrial Technology Advisor or contact NRC-IRAP at 1-877-994-4727 (Toll-free).

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