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- **NRC-IRAP is part of the National Research Council of Canada and it started more than 60 years ago.**
- **NRC has approximately 3500 employees across Canada working in 27 research centres.**
- **NRC-IRAP has a staff of around 350 who work out of more than 100 offices across Canada.**
- **NRC-IRAP has a budget of approximately \$130 million + \$100 million stimulus funding. This stimulus funding will end on March 31, 2011, unless extended by parliament.**
- **NRC is part of the Industry Canada Portfolio.**

NRC-IRAP's Strategic Mission

- **To strengthen Canadian SME capacity to innovate and to increase its competitiveness.**
- **To extend Canada's innovation system internationally.**
- **To create a competitive technology intelligence capacity for SMEs.**
- **To translate publicly funded R&D from government labs, universities, colleges, hospitals into innovation by SMEs.**

NRC-IRAP Advice and Technological Expertise

- **Technical assistance**
- **Literature and patent searches**
- **Referrals to other programs and services**
- **Expertise searches**
- **Linkages and networks to establish multi-party collaboration**
- **Diagnostic services**
- **Mentoring and coaching**

NRC-IRAP Financial Assistance to SMEs

- **Cost shared small funded projects with a contribution of up to \$50,000 that are limited in scope and duration.**
- **Cost shared large funded projects with a contribution of up to \$1,000,000. These type of projects can last several years.**
- **Internship program with a maximum contribution of \$30,000. The purpose of this program is to provide recent graduates (under 31 years of age) of post secondary institutions with valuable work experience.**
- **Level of NRC-IRAP support is historically up 80% of actual employee salary and up to 50% of the cost of contractors.**
- **NRC-IRAP financial contributions are co-ordinated with the SR&ED tax credits.**

NRC-IRAP Network

- **NRC-IRAP has approximately 240 Industrial Technology Advisors (ITAs) who work across Canada**
- **ITAs are co-located at approximately 100 different locations such as federal and provincial research organizations, universities, community colleges and industry associations.**
- **NRC-IRAP maintains an extensive network with linkages into the research and corporate communities, associations, Canadian embassies and consulates, and international organizations.**



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