

# **ACAMP marks ten years supporting technology innovation in Alberta**

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CALGARY, Alta. (Sept. 25, 2017) -- ACAMP marks its tenth anniversary helping Canadian entrepreneurs develop their advanced technology innovation from proof-of-concept to a manufactured product that can go to market. This industry-led product development centre is supported by the federal and provincial government as one way to diversify the Albertan economy.

Starting with a handful of clients in 2007, ACAMP today has more than 340 clients in several industries. In 2016 alone, the company handled 120 projects.

CEO Ken Brizel counts Micralyne, Toku and SmileSonica Inc. among its many clients who have gone on to develop successful businesses.

He believes ACAMP addresses a fundamental weakness for advanced technology innovators in Alberta -- the lack of ability to do design for manufacturing.

ACAMP is unique in its “holistic approach” to servicing clients.

“We don’t send our client to 15 different places to get the job done. We have the expertise, people and equipment to handle every step of our client’s product development process – offering product development engineering and access to advanced analytical, testing and manufacturing equipment,” he says.

ACAMP also does not take royalties or share in ownership of any part of a client’s intellectual property, taking “interest only in the success of their clients and the effect of that success on the economy.”

The organization has grown in engineering capacity and capability to support more clients, their diverse technology platforms, and more technically complex projects.

“Today, the systems we’re building represent the latest inroads into autonomous systems which is brand new to the world. Google of course has been working on it for a few years. Fifty car companies are also in the fray. ACAMP is getting involved in this area, which challenges and pushes us to develop new capabilities in-house,” he says.

Based on a request from the National Research Council, Brizel also serves as the Canadian representative on the board of directors of EURIPIDES, a European investment group for smart electronic systems.

Asked about the future, Brizel says it will involve more complex projects, more challenges, and more fun.

**About ACAMP**

Founded in 2007, ACAMP is a unique industry-led product development centre that advanced technology entrepreneurs count on to move their innovation from proof-of-concept to manufactured product. ACAMP provides access to multidisciplinary engineers, technology experts, specialized equipment, and industry acumen.

Its core expertise is in electronics, hardware, firmware, sensors, optics, microfluidics and embedded systems. ACAMP is also in the vanguard of autonomous transportation technology in Alberta and Canada, leading the Autonomous Systems for Transportation Consortium. For more information, please visit [www.acamp.ca](http://www.acamp.ca).

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