



# Follow-up to the Survey of Advanced Technology 2007

Please complete and return this form by March 31st, 2008

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Company name

Establishment name

C/O

Address

City

Province/Territory  Postal code

### Survey Objective

The objective of this survey is to gain insight into business units that modify technologies. Your business unit has been identified as one that modifies technologies based on your responses to the Survey of Advanced Technology 2007.

### Definitions

In this questionnaire we refer to both "your business unit" and "firm". By "your business unit" we refer to your establishment or local operations as described on the questionnaire label. By "firm" we refer to all related business units and operations in Canada and in other countries that make up the firm.

### Coverage

**Please complete this questionnaire for your business unit only as described on the questionnaire label, not your entire firm.**

### Confidentiality

Statistics Canada is prohibited by law from publishing any statistics which would divulge information obtained from this survey that relates to any identifiable business or institution

without the previous written consent of that business or institution. The data reported on this questionnaire will be treated in strict confidence, used for statistical purposes and published in aggregate form only. The confidentiality provisions of the *Statistics Act* are not affected by either the *Access to Information Act* or any other legislation.

### Authority

This survey is conducted under the authority of the *Statistics Act*, 1985, Chapter S-19. Completion of this questionnaire is a legal requirement. Your participation is appreciated.

### Planned Record Linkage

In order to enhance the analytical possibilities of this survey, Statistics Canada plans to combine the responses relating to your organization with information your organization provided on the Survey of Advanced Technology 2007, the Annual Survey of Manufactures and Logging, and with information from other surveys or from administrative records within Statistics Canada. The combined information will be kept strictly confidential and used only for statistical purposes.

### Survey Contact

Please indicate the name of the person completing this questionnaire so we know who to contact should we have questions about this report.

Name of person completing questionnaire 0001 <input type="text"/>	Title 0002 <input type="text"/>
Telephone number 0003 ( <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> ) <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	E-mail 0004 <input type="text"/>



**Assistance:** If you have any questions regarding this survey or you need help to complete the questionnaire, please call 1-866-401-4640 or e-mail: [sieidinfo@statcan.ca](mailto:sieidinfo@statcan.ca)

To assist us in responding to your questions, please reference the number beginning with the letter "Q" on the questionnaire label.

# Process of modification of technologies

Questions in this section will probe how technologies are modified in your business unit.

## 1. How frequently is the modification of technologies carried out in your business unit?

Please check one option only

- Continuously ..... 0100 1
- Occasionally ..... 2

## 2. How is the modification of technologies carried out in your business unit?

Please check one option only

- It is part of a **formal** program of technology adoption ..... 0200 1
- It is part of an **informal** program of technology adoption ..... 2

## 3. How is the modification of technologies funded in your business unit?

Please check all that apply

- Modification of technologies is funded: internally ..... 0301
- by customers ..... 0302
- by suppliers ..... 0303
- Other funding, please specify: 0304txt ..... 0304

## 4. Please indicate which budget(s) are used to fund the modification of technologies in your business unit.

Please check all that apply

- There is a dedicated budget for each modification project or program ..... 0401
- It is part of the R&D budget ..... 0402
- It is part of the innovation budget ..... 0403
- It is part of the maintenance budget ..... 0404
- Other budget, please specify: 0405txt ..... 0405

## 5. Do you know of any other firms that have carried out similar modifications to the ones you have completed?

- Yes No
- 0500 1  3

## 6. Does your business unit cooperate with other business units, firms, or institutions to modify technologies?

- Yes No
- 0600 1  3

Cooperation is defined as active participation with other firms, other users or suppliers of technologies, organizations or individuals (other than those in your business unit). Contracting out, where there is no active participation is not considered cooperation.

➔ Please go to question 8

**7. Please indicate who your business unit cooperated with for the modification of technologies.**

*Please check all that apply*

- Other business units within your firm ..... 0701
- Suppliers of equipment, materials, components, or software ..... 0702
- Clients or customers ..... 0703
- Competitors or other firms in your sector ..... 0704
- Consultants ..... 0705
- Commercial labs or R&D enterprises ..... 0706
- Universities or other higher education institutions ..... 0707
- Colleges or technical institutes ..... 0708
- Federal government laboratories or research institutes ..... 0709
- Provincial or territorial government laboratories or research institutes ..... 0710
- Private non-profit research institutes ..... 0711
- Industrial associations ..... 0712
- Other type of partner, *please specify:*  ..... 0713

**Results of modification of technologies**

*Questions in this section will probe what happens to the knowledge and products that result from the modification of technologies.*

**8. Does your business unit share the technologies that it has modified with other firms or institutions?**

Yes No  
0800 1  3

→ **Please go to question 11**

*Sharing is defined as intentionally allowing other firms or institutions to replicate or use the modifications to technologies made by your business unit.*

**9. How does your business unit share the technologies that it has modified?**

*Please check all that apply*

- At no charge ..... 0901
- In exchange for something of value (i.e. free equipment) ..... 0902
- For a fee ..... 0903
- Other method, *please specify:*  ..... 0904

**10. Please indicate the reasons why your business unit chose to share the technologies that it modified.**

*Please check all that apply*

- To allow a supplier to build a more suitable final product ..... 1001
- To enhance your reputation in a specific area ..... 1002
- To gain feedback and expertise from other firms to improve the modification ..... 1003
- As a result of a contractual obligation ..... 1004
- There is nothing to lose by sharing (no direct competition) ..... 1005
- Other reason, *please specify:*  ..... 1006

11. Does your business unit use any methods to protect the intellectual property resulting from the modification of technologies? Yes No  
1100 1  3  → Please go to question 13

12. Please indicate which of the following methods are used by your business unit to protect the intellectual property resulting from the modification of technologies. Please check all that apply

Patents ..... 1201

Trademarks ..... 1202

Copyrights ..... 1203

Confidentiality agreements ..... 1204

Secrecy ..... 1205

Other method, please specify: 1206txt  1206

13. To the best of your knowledge, have any of the technology modifications in your business unit ever been adopted by the following:

The supplier of the original technology ..... 1300 1  3  Yes No

Other firms that use the original technology ..... 1301 1  3

**Cost of modification of technologies**

Questions in this section will explore costs associated with the modification of technologies. Please answer the following three questions in reference to the most recently modified technology by your business unit.

14. Please estimate the total cost of labour for the modification of the most recently modified technology by your business unit. Canadian dollars  
*(Please do not include the cost of labour for training, commercialization or marketing for this most recently modified technology by your business unit)* 1400 \$

15. Please estimate the total cost of machinery, equipment and/or materials required to modify the most recently modified technology by your business unit. Canadian dollars  
*(Please do not include the original purchase cost of the technologies being modified. However, please include the cost to your business unit for the lease or rental of any equipment used to modify this most recently modified technology by your business unit)* 1500 \$

16. Please estimate the elapsed time required to complete the modification of the most recently modified technology by your business unit. *(Please do not include time spent training operators to use this most recently modified technology) Please check one option only*

1600

5 days or less ..... 1 <input type="radio"/>	from 1 month to less than 2 months ..... 4 <input type="radio"/>	from 1 year to less than 2 years ..... 7 <input type="radio"/>
6 to 14 days ..... 2 <input type="radio"/>	from 2 months to less than 6 months ..... 5 <input type="radio"/>	from 2 years to less than 5 years ..... 8 <input type="radio"/>
15 to 30 days ..... 3 <input type="radio"/>	from 6 months to less than 1 year ..... 6 <input type="radio"/>	More than 5 years ..... 9 <input type="radio"/>

Please make a copy of your completed questionnaire for your records which may also be referenced if we need to follow-up with any specific issues. Please return the completed questionnaire in the enclosed return envelope.  
**Thank you very much for your participation.**