


# CAPC Innovation Working Group

## September 25, 2008

Priority	Action Plan Item	Owner	Timing	Status
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Priority 1</b></p> <p><b>Strengthen Support for Industry Based Innovation Activities</b></p>	<p>The IWG recommends strengthening and/or establishing new government supports (Federal and Provincial) focused on attracting and accelerating industry-based innovation of products and manufacturing processes in both vehicle and parts companies.</p> <p>Governments must recognize that in the current economy, companies do not have the needed resources to respond effectively to the broad range of new government <b>policies/regulations</b>. Canada's automotive manufacturing industry competes for investment globally and many jurisdictions have introduced aggressive new support programs (US, EU).</p>	<p>Fed/Prov/ Auto</p>	<p>ST/ MT</p>	



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<b>Priority 1</b>  <b>Strengthen Support for Industry Based Innovation Activities</b>	Federal Automotive Innovation Fund (AIF) needs to evolve to remain competitive with new international investment support programs (incentives, loan guarantees, etc).	Fed/Auto	ST/MT	
	ITO (which replaced the TPC program) must become an effective/accessible program ASAP	Fed/Auto	ST/MT	
	Ontario government automotive programs (e.g. OAIS) have been effective but new programs need to remain competitive.  Six new programs to augment support include: - NGoJF-JIP and SOP; - CTMA (software & related skills); - APMA (operational effectiveness training); - Yves Landry Foundation (skills training); - Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (operational excellence program); All must move quickly to maintain momentum in assisting industry.	Prov/Auto	ST/MT	



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<b>Priority 2</b>  Continued & Expand Support for Effective Existing Innovation Support Programs	AUTO21 NCE – renew in 2007 but without augmented funding and still with the sunset clause limiting operation to 2015.	Fed/Auto/Academe	ST	
	NSERC's research partnership programs	Fed/Auto/Academe	ST	
	Ontario Research Fund (ORF) & Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE) research partnership programs	Prov/Auto/Academe	ST	
	Automotive Partnership Initiative (NRC, NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR, CFI) – plans for implementation and mandate/relationship to existing programs needs clarification.	Fed/Auto/Academe	ST	
	Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) – need to increase focus on industry-led grants	Fed/Auto/Academe	ST	



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<b>Priority 2</b>  Continued & Expand Support for Effective Existing Innovation Support Programs	CANMET – move of Materials Technology Labs to Hamilton, Ontario – being implemented	Fed	ST	
	National Research Council (NRC) research institutes - recommend that the NRC automotive program focus directly on industry-driven activities priorities.	Fed	ST/MT	
	SR&ED Tax Credit Program – reforms have been discussed but none have yet been implemented.	Fed	ST	



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<p><b>Priority 3</b></p> <p><b>Lightweight Materials Development &amp; Support</b></p>	<p>Breakthroughs resulting from both public and private research have positioned the Canadian lightweight materials industry up to global reference status.</p> <p>The Lightweight Materials Sub-Committee (LMSC) issued a final report at the end of 2006 and the IWG is pursuing the key strategic actions recommended therein, including enlarging the role and mission of ASM-V (formerly CLiMRI) to ensure maximum coordination of all industry-based R&amp;D activities in this area including new work in magnesium as well as aluminium.</p>	<p>Fed/Prov/ Auto</p>	<p>ST/ MT</p>	<p></p>



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<b>Climate Change Innovations</b>	<p>The CAPC-IWG believes that the technological innovations required to strongly effect climate change will require a great deal of effort and support from all stakeholders.</p> <p>Achievement of progress on this issue in Canada will be a critical factor in determining the future success of Canada's automotive industry – especially as the US government is providing very strong support to its auto sector on these issues.</p>	<b>Fed/Prov/ Auto</b>	<b>MT</b>	



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