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Alberta Companies Getting Support for their Nordic Dream

Edmonton, Alberta – Alberta Innovates-Technology Futures is opening the second call for proposals for the Alberta - Finland Innovation and Commercialization Program.

The \$2 million program will allow small to medium-sized Alberta enterprises to partner with Finland companies in the following areas:

- Clean Technologies
- Advanced Materials
- Instrumentation/Sensors
- Health
- Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

Finland is internationally recognized as an innovation and clean technology leader. Its geographical location provides new market access opportunities for Albertans. Finland enjoys an excellent trading partnership with Russia, which provides further entry into the east for Alberta companies. As a member of the European Union, Finland also provides market access throughout Europe. The bilateral trade relationship between Canada and Finland was valued at \$2.5 billion in 2011.

The program is supported by Alberta Enterprise and Advanced Education through Alberta Innovates-Technology Futures. TEKES, the Finland's government-supported innovation organization, provides matching funding for the Finnish partner.

For more information, visit AlbertaInnovatesTechFutures.ca/AlbertaFinland.

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About Alberta Innovates-Technology Futures

Alberta Innovates-Technology Futures is part of Alberta's research and innovation system and is helping build healthy, sustainable businesses in the province. Through a suite of programs and services for entrepreneurs, companies, researchers, post-secondary institutions and investors, Tech Futures provides technical services and funding support to facilitate the commercialization of technologies, to develop new knowledge-based industry clusters and to help encourage an entrepreneurial culture in Alberta. Visit us at AlbertaInnovatesTechFutures.ca.

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