

“Our Story, Our Burlington”

BEDC.ca Business News

Canada's High Performance Economy



Burlington firm lands intelligent technology research funds

The Burlington Post, Dec 26, 2008

Burlington-based GeoDigital International is among the recipients of \$2.5 million in funding to promote research and development (R&D) of innovative systems to solve commercial problems in the manufacturing sector.

Ottawa-based Precarn Incorporated, a not-for-profit company representing a national network of corporations, universities, colleges, research institutes and government partners, is providing the funding.

Under the program, six Canadian companies have been selected to commercially develop or advance innovative, made-in-Canada, intelligent technologies with a focus on manufacturing.

Up to \$500,000 is being provided per project.

The Burlington project was selected from a pool of 38 proposals and will receive \$442,000. In response to a need to accurately and quickly inspect power lines and insulators for damage by vegetation, GeoDigital International has created a remote sensing solution.

The high-tech GeoDigital system is capable of producing power line reports within a couple of days as opposed to the weeks or months required by systems that rely on manual inspection.

Anthony Eyton, president and CEO of Precarn, said that strong links among private, public and academic organizations are critical to stimulate the country's economic growth and ultimately keep jobs in Canada.

“Given the difficult economic times, what we need in this economy is a rapid conversion of R&D to jobs and revenues, and this infusion of funds is intended to help do just that,” Eyton said.