



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF GEORGIA



OFFICE OF THE PREMIER
PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

LETTER OF INTENT

ON CO-OPERATION IN INNOVATION, ECONOMIC AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Letter of Intent
BETWEEN

THE STATE OF GEORGIA

AND

THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

*Innovation, Economic
and Entrepreneurship
Development*



WHEREAS the State of Georgia and the Province of Manitoba recognize the overall value of close co-operative economic and political relations between Canada and the United States and understand the important role that state and provincial governments play in maintaining and enhancing bi-national relations; and

WHEREAS the Governments of Georgia and Manitoba share an interest in expanding their economic partnership and in promoting a climate of research, innovation and technology development within their respective economies; and

WHEREAS the State of Georgia and the Province of Manitoba share a strong expertise in the biotechnology and life sciences sectors and have important and growing industries and state-of-the-art research facilities in this sector; and

WHEREAS there are existing relationships between the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta and the Canadian Science Centre for Human and Animal Health in Winnipeg as well as between other research facilities and private sector companies; and

WHEREAS the State of Georgia and the Province of Manitoba acknowledge the advantages to be gained by strengthening and broadening these mutually beneficial relations and further enhancing commercial ventures between their two jurisdictions;

THEREFORE the State of Georgia and the Province of Manitoba intend to work toward identifying target sectors for joint initiatives, including but not limited to the life sciences, biotechnology and nutraceutical sectors. Examples of specific activities that could be explored include opportunities for joint participation in life sciences-focused symposia and workshops, joint economic development missions to targeted markets, and formalizing existing research and development relationships between educational institutions in the two jurisdictions.

This Letter of Intent represents a willingness by the State of Georgia and the Province of Manitoba to work co-operatively on innovation, economic and entrepreneurship development endeavors.

The Governments of Georgia and Manitoba agree to designate senior staff to pursue these joint initiatives and interests as per the objectives of this Letter of Intent.

Dated this 5th day of February 2004 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Signed by:

The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Governor
State of Georgia

The Honourable Gary Doer
Premier
Province of Manitoba