

ATLANTIC

A Thematic Long-term Approach to Networking for the
Telematics and ITS Community

A Partnership of ITS Communities in Europe and
North America

PROPOSED CANADIAN PARTICIPATION

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Forward

This document updates the document “ATLANTIC - Canadian Participation Proposal” dated August 2001. In the 15 months since the proposal was first circulated, a number of events have occurred that need to be incorporated in the document to bring it up-to-date. The most important of these events is the agreement-in-principle by three major sponsors to contribute funding to the project. In addition, the proponents have continued to work with their international partners throughout 2002 and the results need to be recorded as accomplishments. The proponents have also continued to elaborate on the work plans for the project including identifying participants for the work groups and topics for the discussion papers (based on the outcome of workshop discussions in Montreal, Quebec in March 2002), contributing to the electronic forum debates (see <http://www.atlan-tic.net/>) and coordinating proposed future activities with their international partners (at ATLANTIC workshops).

The section of the proposal “Overview of the ATLANTIC Project” remains essentially the same while the sections “Canadian Participation” and “Funding” are revised extensively. In particular, there are updated sections describing the project key outputs, milestones and participants.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a proposal for Canadian participation in ATLANTIC (A Thematic Long-term Approach to Networking for the Telematics and ITS Community). The proponents invite all interested stakeholders who would benefit directly or indirectly from expanding the ITS knowledge base to consider participating as experts in this thematic network and/or contributing funds to establish the Canadian node under the leadership of the University of Toronto and the University of Montreal.

The Canadian ATLANTIC node will be an integral part of the international ATLANTIC network and therefore will have the same overall aim, focus and objective as well as have distinctly Canadian objectives. The intention is to create a platform for information and debate on key research and policy issues concerning intelligent transport systems (ITS), focused on ITS applications in road transport including interconnections with rail, air and sea. The main objective is to benchmark the coverage, content and results of ITS research from Europe, the United States and Canada. In addition, the Canadian ATLANTIC project will have the unique aim to stimulate an active and self-sustaining ITS research and development community in Canada in cooperation with international partners. Phase 3 of the project will operate from January 2003 to December 2003. For more information about ATLANTIC, see www.atlan-tic.net.

ATLANTIC will address ITS-related topics through 8 working groups (see Annex A for list of topics). Each working group will have a leader, a rapporteur and several expert correspondents to conduct the research. There will also be a small core team of two technical directors, one from each lead university, and an administrative manager. The participants will communicate with each other and their international partners through an electronic forum and web site.

The key deliverables of ATLANTIC will be discussion papers on key ITS issues of interest to Canada. The results will be discussed and disseminated in planned meetings and workshops, postings on the internet and hard copy publications. In addition, the Canadian ATLANTIC node will convene a workshop in Canada on ITS research and development issues and opportunities, prepare a summary report on the status of Canadian ITS research and development and provide advice on opportunities for future Canadian ITS R&D both domestic and international.

The beneficiaries in Canada of the ATLANTIC Project will be ITS researchers who participate in the project and gain knowledge and expertise, government policy makers and private sector companies who participate in defining the topics and use the results in their decision making, and the wider ITS community that will ultimately gain from building the ITS knowledge base and thus enabling better informed decision making. While the direct outcomes of ATLANTIC will be in the public domain, in the long term, private firms will be able to achieve spin-off benefits to themselves in terms of better informed investment decisions.

Participation by the three international partners (i.e. Europe, United States, Canada) in the ATLANTIC Project is on a self financing basis.

The overall strategy for funding the Canadian ATLANTIC node is to seek contributions from all interested stakeholders who have the potential to benefit either directly or indirectly from the results of the project. The model is that of a multi-client study where a core group of stakeholders commit to develop the project statement and champion its implementation so that other stakeholders may buy into the full project in proportion to their interest and ability. The core stakeholders who have prepared this proposal with the collaboration of Transport Canada, Policy Group are listed below.

Canadian participation in ATLANTIC has great potential to launch the ITS research and development community in Canada to a new and higher level of creative activity with spin-off benefits to the entire ITS community.

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INTRODUCTION

The ATLANTIC Project is an opportunity for the ITS research and development community in Canada to build and expand its knowledge base and capacity for innovative research and for providing ITS advice to policy makers. The Project is a cooperative undertaking by partners in Europe, the United States and Canada under the Science and Technology Agreements between these national entities. The Project began operations in June 2001 with active Canadian participation beginning in July 2001.

The results of the ATLANTIC Project include: distillation of the lessons learned from experience of ITS research undertaken to provide input to decision making by policy-makers, practitioners and other stakeholders; identification of barriers to progress with ITS research; identification of subjects for trans-Atlantic cooperation on ITS research; and case studies and recommendations for business models for traffic and traveler information and freight transportation services. The Canadian node of the ATLANTIC Project will produce a summary report outlining the status of ITS research and development in Canada related to the 8 working group topics under study and proposing future high priority ITS research projects for Canada.

Canadian participation in ATLANTIC will contribute to a number of strategic priorities identified by Transport Canada in its ITS Plan for Canada (November 1999) and by ITS Canada in its Strategic Business Plan for 1999-2004 (August 1999). The international scope of ATLANTIC is a very important element as it will enable Canada to obtain early access to overall results and ensure that Canadian experience and input is recognized. The Project has plans to present the results at several international gatherings including the U.S. Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting and the 9th World Congress on ITS. This will lead to discussions to undertake future extensions of the ATLANTIC Project on a global basis.

This proposal for Canadian participation in the ATLANTIC Project invites all interested stakeholders who would benefit directly or indirectly from the undertaking to consider participating in the thematic network forum and to consider contributing funds to establish the Canadian node under the leadership of the University of Toronto and the University of Montreal.

BACKGROUND

European Initiative

The European Commission as part of its Fifth Framework for Research and Development initiated a call for proposals for thematic networks related to transport topics. The European consortia invited to submit proposals were required to find partners in North America to participate in their networks. This trans-Atlantic cooperation was instituted under the terms of the Science and Technology Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and Canada whereby each partner is self-funded. A similar agreement exists between the European Union and the United States. To alert Canada to the possibility of cooperative research under this program, a senior official from the European Commission met with Transport Canada (including Transportation Development Centre) officials in Ottawa in the spring of 2000.

Responding to this call for proposals, a consortium of European partners submitted a proposal to the European Commission to fund a thematic network for telematics and intelligent transport systems (ITS). They entitled their proposal ATLANTIC - A Thematic Long-term Approach to Networking for the Telematics and ITS Communities. The consortium invited partners in Canada and the United States to join the thematic network as self-supporting participants with their own focal points (or nodes). Two Canadian universities, University of Toronto and University of Montreal, accepted the challenge to establish, jointly, a Canadian node and to organize a contributing network of researchers. The European Commission under DG 13, the Information Society Technologies Programme (IST) agreed to fund the European partners (May 2001). Therefore, the Canadian partners are able to proceed to firm up their plans and to seek funding support for their participation in the ATLANTIC thematic network.

Canadian Response

The Canadian participation in the ATLANTIC Project has proceeded as follows:

- ?? Phase 1 - Preliminary discussions with European and U.S. partners between September and December 2000 led to agreement in principle to cooperate embodied in letters of intent from the Canadian partners to the European partners and from Transport Canada to the European Commission and a preliminary approach was made to potential funding and research partners.
- ?? Phase 2 - Development of an ATLANTIC Canadian node project proposal and action plan as a basis for formally approaching potential funding partners and research participants to solicit their support. This activity with the support and backing of Transport Canada resulted in a proposal document for a fully functional Canadian ATLANTIC project dated August 2001.
- ?? Phase 3 - Implementation of the ATLANTIC Canadian node project work program will deliver the following results: benchmarking studies of selected ITS and

telematics topics; a Canadian workshop; participation in major sponsored conferences; identification of research opportunities for follow up proposals to funding agencies; and, in general, a cooperative environment for ITS research and development in Canada. On an informal and limited basis, Canadian involvement in selected elements of these activities began in October 2001. Full implementation is expected to begin on a formal, funded basis in early 2003.

This document is the project proposal and action plan for the ATLANTIC Canadian node referred to in Phase 2 above.

OVERVIEW OF ATLANTIC

This project overview comes from the European Partners (see the ATLANTIC web site at www.atlan-tic.net for further information). The additional Canadian aims, objectives and activities are given in the next section.

Project Aims

- ?? The ATLANTIC project is a 'thematic network', the main aim of which is to bring together recognised experts working in Transport Telematics and Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) in Europe (including Central and Eastern Europe and the Baltic States), the United States and Canada.
- ?? The main trans-Atlantic activity will be to review the coverage, content and results of European, American and Canadian ITS research and development programs as a benchmarking exercise.
- ?? To facilitate this, the project will operate an "ITS Forum" based on e-mail groups. International meetings and workshops with participants will also be arranged to coincide with the ITS World Congresses (Sydney in October 2001, Chicago in 2002, Madrid in 2003), Transportation Research Board Annual Meetings (Washington D.C. in January 2002, 2003 and 2004).
- ?? The current project runs for 20 months, from May 2001 to December 2002 with the possibility of extensions and continued operation under different formats.

Project Objectives

- ?? To stimulate an active debate amongst experts on research taking place on Transport Telematics and ITS for surface transport.
- ?? To distil the lessons of experience of ITS research to inform decision-making among policy-makers, practitioners and other stakeholders concerned.

- ?? To identify barriers to progress with ITS research and make recommendations on the level at which it is most appropriate to address them.
- ?? To identify subjects where trans-Atlantic co-operation on ITS research would bring added value.
- ?? To make available to principal players and stakeholders the results of these discussions.
- ?? Within Europe, to support the e-Europe Transport 2002 Initiative by the development of best practice and policy on Telematics-based information and services for cities and regions.

Project Funding

- ?? The European Commission, Directorate General for Information Society Technologies, funds the European consortium.
- ?? American and Canadian network members will be self-funded and have approached their respective Federal Governments (U.S. Federal Highways Administration and Transport Canada) and other partners for assistance.

Who is Involved?

- ?? Individuals, organisations and groups of stakeholders by invitation. They are from the public, private and academic research sectors – and from all three regions. Some are forum correspondents and others are expert members. All are known to have a close interest in ITS research and deployment issues.
- ?? Forum correspondents are invited to join on the basis of their recognised interests or expertise. They will be entitled to take part in the ITS Forum discussions and will have full access to all ATLANTIC working documents. The target number of correspondents is 250 individuals.
- ?? Expert members will be nominated to participate in international meetings or focus groups and some may also be commissioned to make written contributions on selected topics where they have particular expertise.
- ?? To date, committed organisations include:
 - Europe (Partners): ARTTIC (Brussels); Ankerbold International Ltd (UK); Ian Catling Consultancy (UK); ISIS (France); POLIS Cities and Regions Network (pan-European); Rupprecht Consult (Germany).
 - Europe (Other participants): Aspen Enterprises (UK); Austin Analytics (UK); Babtie (Prague); Carte Blanche (France); City of Rome (Italy); City of Rotterdam (Netherlands); City of Cologne (Germany); National Assembly for Wales (UK); Paris

Metropolitan Region Public Transport Authority (STP); Transver (Germany); Stuttgart Public Transit Authority (Germany); TRL (UK); UITP European (Brussels); University of Athens (Greece); University of Southampton (UK).

USA: University of Michigan and Georgia Tech (Regional coordinator).

Canada: University of Toronto; University of Montreal (Regional coordinators).

How Does ATLANTIC Operate?

?? The ATLANTIC ITS Forum will be organised and coordinated via 3 geographically based Network Coordinators, one for each of Europe, the USA and Canada.

?? The ITS Forum will consist of virtual meetings and workshops – an “Electronic Forum”. The Forum is open to registered ATLANTIC Correspondents only. In addition, the project has a website, with universal access.

?? Forum Working Groups (8 initially) will be set up around the 3 main ATLANTIC themes. Each Working Group will address a programme of topics in its own specialist field:

✍️✍️ Integrated Transport (3 Working Groups):

- Telematics-based Traffic and Travel Information Services
- Network Monitoring and Traffic Management and Control
- Intermodal Collective Transport Information

✍️✍️ Technologies and Services (3 Working Groups):

- Intermodal Freight Information Pre-clearance & Logistics (logistic chains)
- Intelligent Vehicles and Intelligent Vehicle Highway Systems
- Electronic Road User Charging and Integration with Other Payment Systems

✍️✍️ Assessment and Evaluation of ITS (2 Working Groups):

- ITS User Acceptance and Impact Assessment
- Human Machine Interface/User Friendly ITS

?? Through the use of an electronic forum discussion, the project will provide information exchange and will arrange a series of virtual meetings and workshops on selected topics, running to a fixed agenda.

?? The project’s Policy Advisory Group will review output from the Working Groups and help provide strategic direction.

?? Contributions to the Electronic Forum will be summarised and the resulting documents will be available to all interested parties via the website.

Key Milestones and Results in 2002

- ?? A roundtable meeting of the project partners will take place at the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting in Washington in January 2002.
- ?? Discussion Papers on the results of the Electronic Forum debates, comparing the European, US and Canadian ITS research will be available starting in Spring 2002.
- ?? An International Workshop on ITS benefits, evaluation and costs is planned, for the ITS World Congress, Chicago in October 2002 (following a similar workshop at the ITS World Congress, Sydney in October 2001).
- ?? Forum events will be held including one on the development of TTI services in Europe in the Autumn 2002.
- ?? Internet and hard copy publications on good practice on ITS-based travel and traffic information services will be released in late 2002.

Measures of Success

The project output can be judged against the following four key criteria:

- ?? Delivery of in-depth comparisons of ITS research in Europe, the United States and Canada.
- ?? Generation of opportunities for trans-Atlantic research collaboration.
- ?? Reaching agreed conclusions on best research methodologies.
- ?? Development of operational skills to enable sustainability of the network.

CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN ATLANTIC

Canadian Project Aims

The Canadian ATLANTIC Project will be an integral part of ATLANTIC and therefore will have the same overall aims as set out in the Overview section, that is, a thematic network to review ITS research and development in Europe and North America through the operation of an electronic ITS Forum. In addition, it will have the following unique aim:

- ?? To stimulate an active and self-sustaining ITS research and development community in Canada in cooperation with international partners.

Canadian Project Objectives

The Canadian ATLANTIC Project will contribute to the objectives of ATLANTIC including active debate among experts, distilling the lessons of ITS experience, identifying barriers to progress, identifying subjects for international R&D cooperation and sharing results. In addition, it will have the following unique objectives:

- ?? To foster cooperative research and development in the ITS community in Canada among academics, government policy makers and private industry;
- ?? To contribute useful advice to Canadian policy makers in government and the private sector;
- ?? To identify ITS research and development opportunities for follow up submissions to funding agencies;
- ?? To raise the profile of ITS research and development and ITS researchers in Canada.

Beneficiaries of Project Results

The beneficiaries in Canada of the ATLANTIC Project will be:

- ?? *ITS research and development participants* who will be able to initiate leading-edge research on issues of current interest and then build self-sustaining R&D programs based on the opportunities that arise from project results;
- ?? *Those government and private sector policy makers* who participate in defining the topics and issues and use the results to guide their decision making; and,
- ?? *The wider ITS community* that will ultimately gain from building the ITS knowledge base and enabling better informed decision making.

Operations in Canada

a) Organization

The Canadian node of ATLANTIC will be under the direction of a core team consisting of two Technical Managers, one from each of the two lead universities, Professor Baher Abdulhai, University of Toronto and Professor Teodor Gabriel Crainic, Université de Montréal, and one Administrative Manager, William Johnson, Consultant. The proposed organization chart is shown in Figure 1.

The project will have a Steering Committee, a Program Management Committee and 8 Working Groups:

- ?? Steering Committee – will have membership representing the lead Universities and the funding partners and sponsors. This committee will provide a mechanism to communicate progress and results to funding partners and receive feedback and advice. It will meet at the beginning of the project to review the project work plans and then as required to review and comment on progress. The chair will rotate between the two Technical Managers. The Administrative Manager will provide secretariat support services.
- ?? Program Management Committee – will consist of the core team members being the two Technical Managers and the Administrative Manager. This committee will be responsible for communicating with domestic and international partners, setting the technical direction of the overall work program and the working groups, organizing workshops and meetings, approving travel and reimbursements, ensuring the quality of the project deliverables and constructing and operating the Canadian ATLANTIC web site.
- ?? Working Groups – there will be 8 working groups in 3 main theme areas:
 - ✎✎ Integrated Transport (3 Working Groups):
 - Telematics-based Traffic and Travel Information Services
 - Network Monitoring and Traffic Management and Control
 - Intermodal Collective Transport Information
 - ✎✎ Technologies and Services (3 Working Groups):
 - Intermodal Freight Information Pre-clearance & Logistics (logistic chains)
 - Intelligent Vehicles and Intelligent Vehicle Highway Systems
 - Electronic Road User Charging and Integration with Other Payment Systems
 - ✎✎ Assessment and Evaluation of ITS (2 Working Groups):
 - ITS User Acceptance and Impact Assessment
 - Human Machine Interface/User Friendly ITS

b) Working Groups

Each working group will have a Canadian leader (or moderator) who is an expert in the work area. He/she will act as the focal point for Canada's participation in that activity and will be responsible (in cooperation with the Technical Managers) for setting the work objectives, communicating with working group members and external partners in the same work area, exerting quality control on the work outputs and transmitting (in collaboration with the Technical Managers) Canadian work outputs to the ATLANTIC thematic network.

There will also be one or more rapporteurs in each working group who will be responsible for specific work items (or discussion papers), documenting Canadian working group outputs, participating in the international forum debates and contributing materials for posting on the ATLANTIC web site.

Other working group members will be invited to join based on their recognized expertise and expressed interest relative to the three main ATLANTIC themes and 8 working group topics. Their role will be to contribute to the international forum debates and to the discussion papers under development by the working group leader and rapporteurs.

Working groups will conduct most of their business via the Canadian edition of the electronic forum. Where appropriate and authorized, working group members may attend workshops convened by the ATLANTIC network to present Canadian results and views.

c) Information Dissemination and Web Site

A Canadian edition of the ATLANTIC web site is planned to provide a focal point for the Canadian ATLANTIC activities and to disseminate Canadian ATLANTIC outputs and results. The Canadian web site will have a home page to provide project overview information and uniquely Canadian news and information in both official languages. It will also be the entry point to the international electronic forum for Canadian members of the working groups where they can communicate together before inputs are sent to the international partners. The web site will be developed and managed under the direction of the Administrative Manager and the two partner universities. The International ATLANTIC website will also make a special section available for the exclusive use of Canadian work group members.

Canadian Workshop

A workshop to bring together all the participants in the Canadian ATLANTIC Project and the wider Canadian ITS community is (tentatively) planned for the autumn of 2003. This will be in addition to Canadian participation in the international roundtable meetings and workshops convened by the other partners in the ATLANTIC network.

FIGURE 1
Organization Chart
Canadian ATLANTIC Project

Steering Committee

*Chair - Technical Managers in rotation
Secretariat support - Admin Manager
Members representing funding partners
Role - two-way communications
with domestic funding partners*

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Program Management Committee

*Ad hoc committee to guide project
Members: Two Technical Managers
(Baher Abdulhai & Teodor Crainic)
Plus Administrative Manager (William Johnson)
Role - communicate with International Partners,
Coordinate work of working groups, and
manage info dissemination and web site*

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Working Groups (8)

*Leader/Moderator
Rapporteur(s)
Experts and correspondents
Role – develop discussion papers, and
contribute to international forum debates*

(links to PMC & WGs)

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(link to PMC)

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International Partners

University Administrations

*Manage contractual arrangements
With funding partners and sub-contractors*

The purpose will be to present and discuss the results of the Canadian working groups to better identify ITS research and development opportunities that could be exploited in submissions to funding agencies. The workshop will be a showcase for Canadian and selected international results and will be open to academic, government and private sector delegates. By holding the workshop in the autumn of 2003, it is hoped to be able to influence research proposals for the 2004-05 academic year.

Key Outputs

The Canadian ATLANTIC Project will contribute to the key results outlined in the Overview section including the roundtable meetings, the discussion papers initiated by Europeans and U.S. partners and international workshops. These discussion papers include:

- ?? ATIS Practices in Europe and North America - A Report on Comparative Analysis, author Kan Chen, U.S. project leader for ATLANTIC
- ?? ATLANTIC e-Europe Report on Traffic and Travel Information Services
- ?? Benefit-Cost Evaluation Workshop Papers for 9th ITS World Congress

In addition, the following unique key Canadian outputs will be provided:

- ?? Discussion papers benchmarking ITS issues of importance to Canada, such as (examples only, actual list will be developed by Working Groups):
 - o Pricing policies and practices for bundled road condition and traffic data for travellers
 - o Traffic Monitoring, Control and Management: state of the art and state of the practice in Canada
 - o Using ITS to influence travellers to move to public transit
 - o Urban freight logistics planning methodologies and tools
 - o ITS for management of ports and border facilities, security issues
 - o Accident avoidance strategies using improved human-machine interfaces;
- ?? Workshop on Canadian ITS research and development issues and opportunities;
- ?? Summary report on the status of Canadian ITS research and development related to the 8 working group topics;
- ?? Advice on opportunities identified for future Canadian ITS research and development both domestically and in cooperation with international partners;
- ?? Cohesive and progressive Canadian ITS research and development community.

Key Milestones (Canadian and International)

The following milestones are now complete:

- ✍️ Canadian ATLANTIC Project Phase 2 begins July 2001 (*major milestone*);
- ✍️ Canadian ATLANTIC draft proposal prepared by August 15, 2001 (*major milestone*);
- ?? ATLANTIC Project kick-off and international coordination meeting, Brussels, September 9-10, 2001;
- ?? ATLANTIC Project coordination meeting at 8th ITS World Congress, Sydney, September 30, 2001;
- ?? ATLANTIC Project roundtable meeting at TRB Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, January 2002;
- ?? U.S. and European Discussion Papers posted to the electronic forum spring 2002;
- ✍️ Canadian ATLANTIC planning workshop in Montreal, March 2001 (*major milestone*);
- ?? U.S. and European ATLANTIC reports published, autumn 2002;
- ?? ATLANTIC Project presentations in international sessions at 9th World Congress, Chicago, USA, October 2002 and European TTI Workshop, November 2002;
- ✍️ ATLANTIC summary report on ITS research and development in late autumn 2002 (*major milestone*);
- ?? U.S. and European ATLANTIC activities (Phase 1) wrap-up in December 2002; U.S. thematic networking will continue as part of the ITS America Special Interest Group on International Research and Learning; and, European thematic network (Phase 1) is extended to May 2003.

FUNDING CANADIAN ATLANTIC PROJECT

Proposed Budget Elements

Available from the project leaders.

Funding Strategy

The overall strategy for funding the Canadian ATLANTIC Project is to seek contributions from all interested stakeholders who have the potential to benefit either directly or indirectly from the results of the project. The model is similar to that of a multi-client study where a core group of stakeholders commit to develop the project statement and champion its implementation and other stakeholders buy into the full study in proportion to their interest and ability.

The core stakeholders in this case are the University of Toronto and the University of Montreal who have prepared this proposal with the collaboration of Transport Canada.

The core team of the Canadian ATLANTIC Project will canvas stakeholders using the proposal to inform potential contributors and solicit support and contributions. As of December 2002, this activity has resulted in agreement-in-principle with three key stakeholders to sponsor the project and contribute funding for Phase 3 in 2003.

ACTION PLAN

Phase 2 (July 2001 to December 2002):

- ?? Draft proposal by August 15, 2001;
- ?? Canvas potential contributors;
- ?? Attend ATLANTIC international kick-off and coordination meeting, Brussels, September 9-10, 2001;
- ?? Attend ATLANTIC Project workshops and meetings at 8th World Congress on ITS in Sydney, September 30, 2001, TRB Annual Meeting, Washington, January 2002 and 9th World Congress on ITS in Chicago, October 2002;
- ?? Organize Canadian ITS R&D Workshop in Montreal in March 2002 to develop the project and to discuss opportunities for discussion papers;
- ?? Begin operation of ATLANTIC international discussion forum in Spring 2002;

Phase 3 (to proceed with funding commitments starting January 2003):

- ?? Construct Canadian ATLANTIC web site (may use Canadian section of ATLANTIC website as interim measure);
- ?? Initiate work on discussion papers and collect information through Canadian electronic forum working group discussions over the period January 2003 to May 2003 and input to international partners, continuing as required to September 2003;
- ?? Document results of the Canadian electronic forum and contribute inputs to international partners over the period June 2003 to October 2003;
- ?? Organize Canadian ITS R&D Workshop in Toronto/Montreal/Ottawa in fall 2003 to showcase the results of the project and to discuss opportunities for future ITS R&D in Canada;
- ?? Prepare and present papers based on the results of the Canadian ATLANTIC Project at various domestic and international fora (e.g. Canadian ITS workshop, TAC Annual Congress, 10th ITS World Congress, ITS Canada Annual Conference, AQTR Congrès annuel).
- ?? Document and report on the status of ITS research and development in Canada as advice to policy makers in government and the private sector by December 2003.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Canadian participation in the ATLANTIC Project has great potential to launch the ITS research and development community in Canada to a new higher level of creative activity and achievement with spin-off benefits to the entire ITS community. It will make substantial contributions to four of the five pillars of Transport Canada's ITS Plan for Canada:

- ?? Partnership for Knowledge – *multi-client with academics, government and industry*
- ?? Multimodal ITS R&D – *identify opportunities for cooperative R&D*
- ?? Deployment and Integration of ITS Across Canada – *better informed decisions*
- ?? Strengthening Canada's ITS Industry – *stimulate innovation*

The Canadian ATLANTIC Project will involve all elements of the ITS community to:

- ?? Build greater awareness of Canadian accomplishments both domestically and internationally,
- ?? Build knowledge and capabilities in Canada;
- ?? Facilitate future ITS deployments based on better informed decision making;
- ?? Contribute to product and service innovations in the private sector for both Canada and key export markets.

Based on the response received to December 2002, the Core Team is proceeding to launch Phase 3 of the Canadian ATLANTIC network in January 2003.

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