

## Temporary INITIATIVE for the STRENGTHENING of QUEBEC'S FOREST ECONOMIES



The Temporary Initiative for the Strengthening of Quebec's Forest Economies (TISQFE) is in effect from June 17, 2010 to March 31, 2013. The aims of the initiative are to diversify, strengthen and increase economic activity in areas affected by the forestry crisis in order to create and preserve jobs; and to give special emphasis to small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) based in affected communities in order to improve their performance.

### Who is targeted by the TISQFE?

- ▶ SMEs
- ▶ non-profit organizations.

### Which types of projects are sought?

Projects sought are those carried out in **eligible communities**, as determined by level of reliance on the forest sector and degree of devitalization. Funded projects might include, for example

- community recovery plans
- development of new tourist attractions
- secondary and tertiary wood processing projects
- those contributing to productivity enhancement through acquisition of equipment or adoption of new technologies
- those contributing to the improvement of innovation capabilities
- those contributing to the increase in new market development capabilities.

### What projects are excluded?

Any project that violates Canada's obligations under the *Softwood Lumber Agreement* with the United States.

To find out about the financial assistance provided, for a list of **eligible communities**, for further information or to know how to submit your project proposal, please contact an advisor in the Business Office of your region, or consult the Agency's Web site.



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