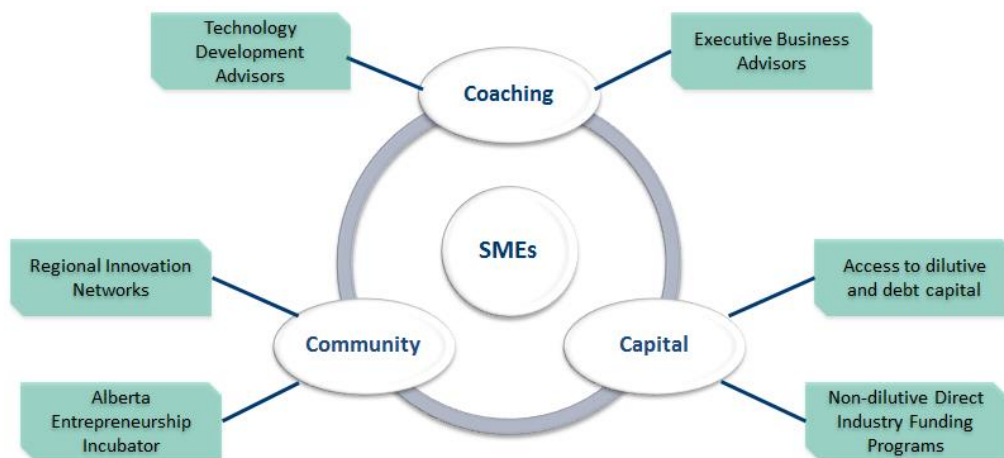


Alberta Innovates supports research and innovation to facilitate the commercialization of novel advances in technology and knowledge-based industries. Through a suite of programs and services for entrepreneurs, small-medium size enterprises (SMEs), researchers and investors, AI has created an Innovation Network that is a one-stop shop to develop knowledge-based industry clusters and encourage Alberta's entrepreneurial culture.

Entrepreneurial Investments



The Entrepreneurial Investment division focuses on Coaching, Community and Capital with 3 client facing program areas; Regional Innovation, Major Transactions, Global Partnerships.



REGIONAL INNOVATION

- **Alberta Entrepreneurial Incubator Pilot Program (AEI):** 2 year pilot to provide business advice and financial supports for early stage startups via existing incubators or business groups. This program consists of 4 non-dilutive entrepreneurial investments.
- **Technology Development Advisors (TDA):** Business and technology specialists providing free mentoring, coaching and connector services to technology and knowledge-based SMEs.
- **Regional Innovation Network (RIN):** Regional partnerships to promote and provide technical and business services to technology and knowledge-based SMEs.

- **Direct Industry Funding Programs:** Investments in high potential, high growth technology/knowledge-based product innovations. These programs have robust due diligence for 5 highly competitive, non-dilutive small business investments:
 1. Micro-voucher
 2. Voucher
 3. r&D Associates
 4. Commercialization Associates
 5. Product Demonstration Program

MAJOR TRANSACTIONS

- **Alberta Small Business Innovation and Research Initiative (ASBIRI):** Works by facilitating technology development project partnerships between End-Users and SME technology suppliers; thereby enabling demand-pull innovation.
- **Capital Access and Major Transactions (CA/MT):** Designed to facilitate investor readiness and access to dilutive and debt capital to support the growth and expansion of small business via Executive Business Advisors (EBAs).

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

- **Alberta-Jalisco/Alberta-Zhejiang/ Alberta-Ontario:** Inter-jurisdictional programs support Alberta-based SMEs access to new international and domestic (non-Alberta) markets. Establishing global partnerships with matchmaking and funding to support strategic, industry-driven commercialization projects for novel and innovative products and materials.
- **Export Readiness Micro-Voucher:** Offers Alberta SMEs the opportunity to access financial support for an Export Readiness Assessment to align their international plans with global opportunities and evaluate the risks and benefits prior to expanding to global markets.