

- The Federal Assistance Awards Data System - managed by DOC contains information on all grants and assistance programs to states, institutions, etc.
- **The Budget Preparation System** - essentially the Federal Budget Data Base - managed by the Office of Management and Budget.
- **The Catalogue of Federal Program Assistance** - managed by GSA containing programmatic information on federal programs.
- **The Consolidated Federal Funds Report** - managed by the Census Bureau of DOC.

CTI works closely with the NTTC and other agencies to share data and resources. The CTI data base contains classified information and is used only for internal management and studies. It is not open for access by the public.

## **PRIVATE SECTOR PROGRAMS**

A number of private sector programs provide technology transfer information services for a fee. These programs operate in parallel and sometimes in cooperation with other organizations to obtain and disseminate information.

- **Teltech™**

Teltech, based in Minneapolis, MN, is a commercial technical service that provides access to both knowledgeable individuals as well as an information retrieval service. The service advertises that it provides fast, accurate answers to technical questions<sup>39</sup>. The service operates through telephonic contact with a network of Teltech experts selected from universities, national laboratories, consulting groups, and industry retirees. Charges for these services are approximately \$165 per inquiry. Teltech provides technology research services and literature searches through other information resources such as the numerous ones listed above; an inquiry can be made on line with the searcher, and the charges for this service run from \$165 to \$200 per hour. It is suitable to a much more in-depth, hand-in-hand technology transfer approach with a tailored response to business, market analysis and technical questions.

- **Knowledge Express™**

**Knowledge Express** is an on-line modem-access commercial information service designed to find and evaluate R&D opportunities from U.S. Government laboratories, universities, research institutions, and companies. Its holdings include information from PHS, ARS/USDA, DOE, NITS, MIT, The University of California, Columbia University, Cornell, and Harvard<sup>40</sup>. The service is available for an initial fee of \$250 annually renewable at \$100 with access fees of \$2 per minute. Reports cost an additional \$1.25 to \$9.25 depending on the information system searched,

- **Technology Access Report"**

Technology Access Report is principally a newsletter **publication on** technology transfer; however, it maintains a Technology Access Hotline that provides technology transfer services to subscribers, An annual subscription is \$447.

- **Technical Insights, Inc.'\***

Technical Insights, Inc. provides several technology transfer and commercialization information services to business and industry. These include *Inside R&D*, a weekly publication on current R&D with a special section devoted to technology transfer; and monthly publications on **Advanced Manufacturing Technology, Industrial Bioprocessing**, Genetic Technology News, Futuretech Strategic Markets, Sensor Technology, Advanced Coatings and Surface Technology, and High Tech Materials Alert. Subscriptions to each of these publications average from \$485 to \$1,500 per year.

- **Pennsylvania Business Information Center On Line**

Sponsored by the Philadelphia-based Ben Franklin Technology Center of Southwestern Pennsylvania, the Business Information Center has recently opened an on-line data base aimed at small and medium-sized businesses which is partially funded by Bell Atlantic corporation<sup>43</sup>,