



CONTACTING THE STCU



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
CENTER IN UKRAINE



TEN REASONS COMPANIES WORK THROUGH THE STCU:

- ▶ Guaranteed business security, reliability and stability;
- ▶ Clear and transparent financial operations;
- ▶ Direct payments to scientists through their individual bank accounts;
- ▶ Complete compliance with Uzbek legal system;
- ▶ Tax-free grants to scientists;
- ▶ Professional project management including technical and financial monitoring;
- ▶ Knowledge of the scientific community and its capabilities;
- ▶ Thorough understanding of local business practices;
- ▶ Government concurrence and security review;
- ▶ Customs clearance assistance, free of all duties and taxes;
- ▶ VAT-free purchases.



R&D Partnerships

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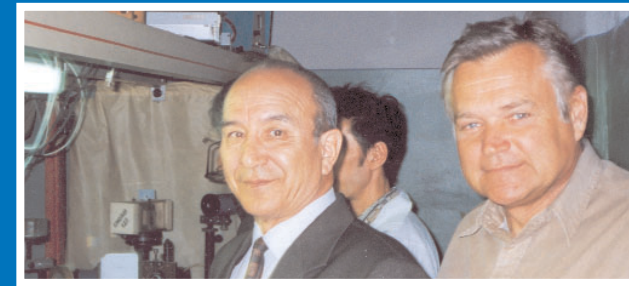
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Focus on UZBEKISTAN

WHO ARE WE?

The Science and Technology Center in Ukraine is an intergovernmental, non-profit organization created with the goal of aiding unemployed or underemployed scientists previously working on the development of weapons of mass destruction. The Center is financed by Canada, the European Union, Ukraine and the USA and conducts its work in Azerbaijan, Georgia, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. The STCU finances projects which convert the military know-how of the scientists of our recipient states into peaceful civilian applications. In addition to 'Regular Projects' funded directly by the STCU, the Center also works in a number of other spheres, including: Partnership Projects, Matchmaking, Promotional Missions, Seminars and Workshops, Travel Grants and Patenting Support. Our team consists of top international professionals with expertise in project management, logistics, finance, and marketing, enabling the STCU to provide world class services to our partners and scientific institutions.



BENEFITS OF WORKING WITH THE STCU

Working in partnership with the STCU allows you to avoid the typical problems associated with conducting international business. We can assist in locating qualified specialists in the technology area of your interest, and ensure that their proposals reach you for your consideration and evaluation. The STCU can also propose new, unconventional design and technology solutions. Nine years of experience enables the STCU to confidently recommend and outline various forms of cooperation with particular scientific institutions or divisions. The STCU can facilitate visits to our Center and the institutions of your choice, as well as organize presentations, meetings and negotiations with scientists.

OUR PROJECTS

REGULAR TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS

The original mechanism for aiding former weapons scientists in recipient states, funding for Regular Projects is derived from the governments of Canada, the EU, Ukraine the USA, and Japan. These projects continue to be of significant importance to the work of the STCU. Projects which have been financed cover practically every scientific field, such as: agriculture, solar energy, environmental protection, water quality, health, and medicine.

PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The STCU is meeting the challenges of an ever-changing and rapidly globalising world by becoming more flexible and sustainable. Beginning in 1997, the STCU undertook a new endeavour in its goal of achieving greater sustainability by commencing the Partnership Program. The goal of the program is to create partnerships between Uzbek and donor country companies, scientists and institutes for the development and promotion of R&D projects.

OUR ACTIVITIES

The PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM has a number of different aspects which include:

MATCHMAKING

Important to the success of the Partnership Program is the promotion of opportunities to prospective partners through matchmaking visits to the STCU by interested businessmen, and outreach missions to Western countries to meet face-to-face with potential investors.

PROMOTIONAL MISSIONS

The main aim of this initiative is to increase awareness of the STCU's work and activities in Europe and to find new partners in EU countries.

PATENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

Created with the goal of assisting STCU scientists in patenting their research both domestically and abroad, this program has enabled 104 inventions to receive patents since its implementation in 1998.

OUR SERVICES

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

To facilitate the transfer of new technologies and better meet the expanding needs of scientists, the STCU has been expanding its role in conducting seminars and workshops in recipient countries. Seminars have addressed topics such as Intellectual Property Rights, marketing, commercialisation of technologies, and business development. In 2002, the STCU initiated its Workshop Program in order to facilitate both networking between scientists from Uzbekistan and their Western counterparts and the exchange of information between these parties.

TRAVEL GRANTS PROGRAM

The goal of this program is to secure contacts and increase integration between scientists and companies in recipient states and their counterparts in the STCU donor countries by financing the travel of STCU scientists.