

Partnerships in the Business of Science & Technology

Doing Business in Georgia Overview

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GRDF since 2001

- Private, non-profit foundation
- *Focused on:*
 - Exceptional scientific research
 - Strong research and education
 - Extensive opportunity in civilian R&D
 - Economic success
- Granted over \$5 million and 70 projects since inception



GRDF Services

U.S.-Georgia Industry
Programs

Support Commercially oriented
innovations, U.S. industry
partnerships

U.S.-Georgia R&D Grants

Fund Basic Research

Project Services

Provide in-country project
administration

Institution Grants

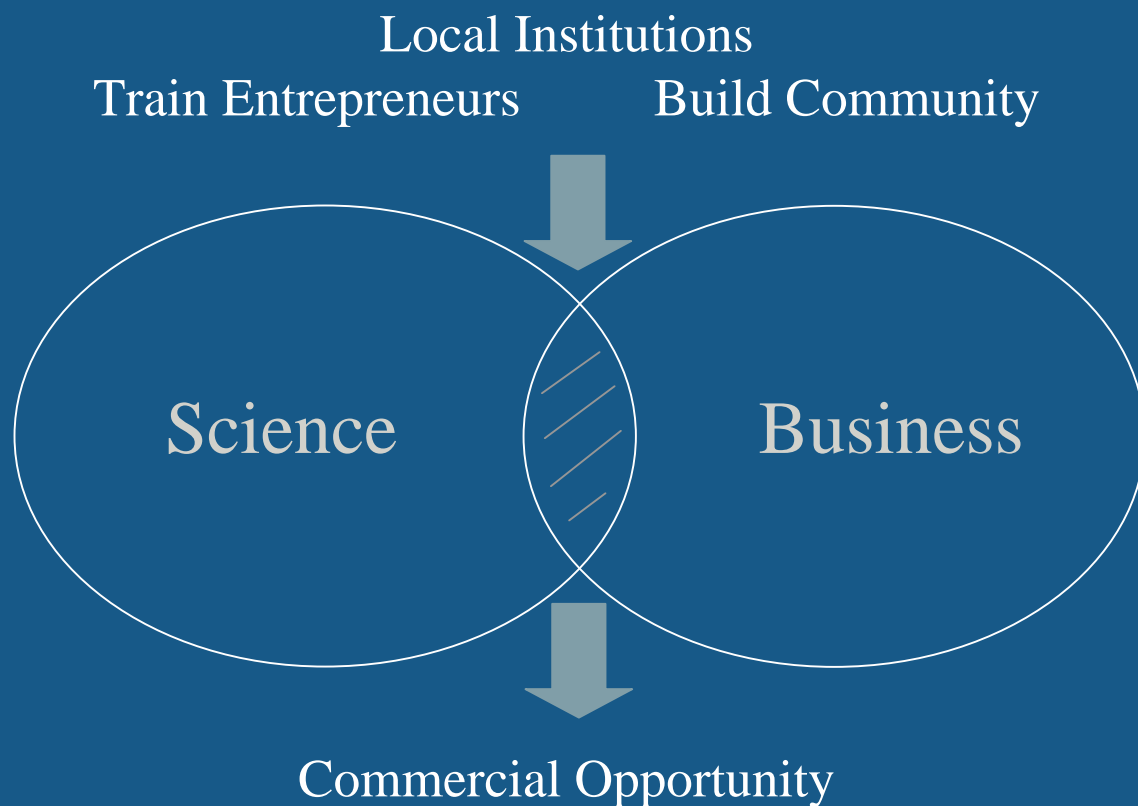
Enhance Research Facilities,
Higher Education

Nonproliferation

Engage former weapons scientists

Science & Technology Entrepreneur Programs

*Catalyzing
Local Development
through
Local Innovation*



Grant Assistance Program (GAP)

- Allows businesses to engage the Georgian technology, engineering and industry communities under the framework of Technical Assistance.
- Offers companies a suite of tailored services to improve operational efficiency in Georgia

Services to Businesses: Flexible Project and Logistics Management

- Obtain necessary host-government concurrences
- Procure and deliver equipment and supplies
 - Preferred vendor network
 - Customs clearance assistance
- Ensure secure transfer of payments
 - Banking agreements and effective financial controls
- Maximize benefits of funding research
 - Tax privileges
- Provide Intellectual Property and contract assistance

U.S. Department of State Bio Industry Initiative (BII)

- The U.S. Department of State Bio Industry Initiative was created in 2002 to work with countries of the former Soviet Union to combat the threat of Bio Terrorism through sustainable redirection of biological production facilities.
- JSC “Sakagrobiomretsvi”, located in Tabakhmela, Georgia, from 1972-2004. This outdated vaccine production was closed.
- In August 2004, BII supported a new business venture for JSC “Sakagrobiomretsvi” in the area of quality animal feed production and a new control laboratory.

Mill Capabilities

- Production of range of complete feed, premixes and concentrates for livestock, poultry, swine and aquaculture (Capacity 50 000 metric tons per year)
- Process full fat soy beans for production of high-quality concentrates
- Quality Control Laboratory – food/ingredients quality and disease control

Practical Training in Feed Mill and QC Labs

- North Carolina State University (NCSU)/ Southern States Cooperative Feed Mill management training
- Quality Control Laboratory management training TBD
- Technical Service and Marketing Training TBD



New Concept



Feed Mill



Quality Control Lab

Summary

- GRDF – GAP offers financial/management services for US companies collaborating with Georgian technology development
- GRDF supports US industry request for technology innovation in Georgia
- GRDF funds Travel Fellowships for Georgians to USA
- JSC “Sakagrobiomretsvi” is looking for business partnerships and marketing assistance



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