



## “Ocean, Forest & Field – the Bioenergy Playground”

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### ***Innovacorp: Investing in Bioenergy Innovation***

Innovacorp is Nova Scotia’s early stage venture capital organization. Our goal is to help emerging Nova Scotia knowledge-based companies commercialize their technologies and succeed in the global marketplace. We are especially interested in the information technology, life sciences, clean technology and oceans technology industries. Innovacorp manages the Nova Scotia First Fund and seeks to make seed investments in start-ups based in Nova Scotia.

Early stage investment is at the core of Innovacorp’s business model, but the team offers more than just money. Innovacorp provides hands-on business advisory services, tailored to meet the unique – and evolving – needs of each of the promising technology companies in our portfolio. We also give entrepreneurs access to world-class incubation facilities and an international network of expert advisors.

In addition to its two incubation facilities in Halifax and Dartmouth, the planned Innovacorp Demonstration Centre (IDC) in Brooklyn looks to leverage the assets of the former Bowater Mersey mill for the forest economy of the future, helping innovative companies demonstrate and prove their value-adding bioproduct and bioenergy technologies at commercial scale. The new centre will offer companies the same advantages as our incubation facilities – infrastructure, on-site support, expert advice and community – all at the industrial scale needed to accelerate technology commercialization.