

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Promation Hosts National Strategic Partnership Grant Announcement**

On Friday 10 August 2018, the Honourable Kirsty Duncan, Minister of Science and Sport, and Dr. Marc Fortin, Vice-President, Research Partnerships, NSERC visited the Oakville offices and facilities of Promotion to announce funding of more than \$78 million to recipients of the [Strategic Partnership Grants \(SPG\) for Networks and Projects](#), supported by the [Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada \(NSERC\)](#). Funding will go to six networks and 80 projects from across the country.

Minister Duncan made the announcement during a visit to [Promation](#), an industrial partner with the [University of Waterloo](#), and member of the Network [for Holistic Innovation in Additive Manufacturing, one of the six networks that received funding today](#). This network brings together leading researchers in Canada and abroad, government, and aerospace and automotive industry players to accelerate the use of 3D printing in Canada's manufacturing sector.

With the global market for 3D printing expected to grow five-fold by 2020, this is an important investment in Canada's innovation economy which will boost our competitiveness and prepare our workers for the jobs of tomorrow.

"I commend today's recipients for the important work they are doing to contribute to Canada's competitiveness. We are investing in you today because we know that when we invest in science and research we are investing in Canadians. The bold ideas your innovative partnerships will generate will have an important impact on our economy, creating good jobs and unique training opportunities for scientists and engineers here in Oakville and across the country."

– *The Honourable Kirsty Duncan, Minister of Science and Sport*

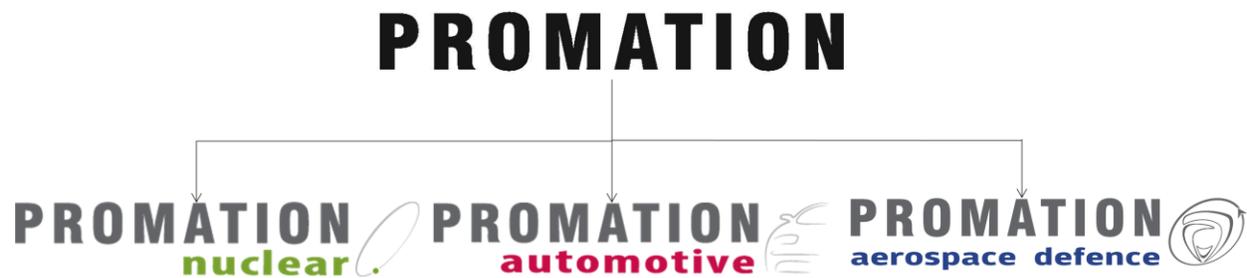
Promation has partnered with University of Waterloo's Multi-Scale Additive Manufacturing Lab to develop the next generation of metal additive manufacturing (3D printing) that will enable high-value applications at a higher quality and lower operating costs. They have also established a network of research centers, first-class partners and suppliers to deliver complete integrated solutions to their clients.

"Innovation and R&D has always been the basis of Promation's historical growth and will certainly drive our future. Federal programs like the Strategic Partnership Grants will help Canadian industry to leapfrog into the future with support for Advanced Manufacturing technologies and the highly-skilled people required to develop and use them effectively. This will benefit all our markets – nuclear, automotive and aerospace & defence."

– *Mark Zimny, Chief Executive Officer, Promation*

## About Promotion

Founded in 1995, Promotion, a privately-owned Canadian Corporation, is a leading automation, robotic and tooling system manufacturer in Oakville, Ontario. Promotion delivers custom equipment and turn-key systems to their global customers in three divisions; Nuclear, Automotive, and Aerospace & Defence. They deliver customized, best-in-class solutions, supported by a team of experienced designers, engineering, manufacturing and quality professionals with industry expertise.



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### **Quick facts**

- The Strategic Partnerships Program was launched in 1977 by the National Research Council and subsequently transferred to NSERC when it was established in 1978.
- The total funding for the 6 Networks is \$33 million and the total funding for the 80 Projects is just over \$45 million.
- NSERC conducts extensive evaluations to ensure that these projects remain relevant for Canada. An extensive network of peer reviewers meets annually to select the winners for each competition

### **Associated Links**

- [Full list of SPG-Network Recipients \(link to be added to updated Funding Decisions page: http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/FundingDecisions-  
DecisionsFinancement/index\\_eng.asp\)](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/FundingDecisions-DecisionsFinancement/index_eng.asp)
- [Full list of SPG-Project Recipients \(link to be added to updated Funding Decisions page: http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/FundingDecisions-  
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- [Strategic Partnership Grants Program Overview](#)
- [Where NSERC Invests and Why](#)
- [A Vision of NSERC in 2020](#)