

Acronyms

BERD	business expenditures on R&D
BRIC	Brazil, China, India and Russia
CMA	census metropolitan area (Canada)
CNRS	Conseil National de la Recherche Scientifique (France)
DBF	dedicated biotechnology firms
DTI	Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
EAP	Economically active population
EU	European Union
FDI	foreign direct investment
FTE	Full-time equivalent
GDP	gross domestic product
GERD	gross expenditure on R&D
HERD	higher-education expenditure on R&D
ICT	information and communication technology
ILC	industry life cycle
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INTA	Instituto Nacional de Tecnología Agropecuaria (Argentina)
INTI	Instituto Nacional de Tecnología Industrial (Argentina)
IRAP	Industrial Research Assistance Program (Canada)
ISI	import-substitution industrialization
MITI	Ministry of International Trade and Industry (Japan)
MNC	multinational corporation
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NRC	National Research Council
NSF	National Science Foundation (USA)
NSI	national system of innovation
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
PLF	product life cycle
PPP	purchasing parity power
PRO	public research organization
R&D	research and development
RSI	regional system of innovation
SBIR	Small Business Innovation Research program (USA and Japan)
SI	system of innovation

SIS	sectoral innovation system
SME	small and medium-sized enterprise
S&T	science and technology
STI	science, technology, and innovation
STPF	Science and Technology Promotion Fund (Finland)
TEDCO	Technology Development Corporation (USA)
TFP	total factor productivity
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
USPTO	United States Patent and Trademark Office

