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Instrument Concepts Passes Through 2nd Round

On February 3, Scott Armstrong, Member of Parliament (Cumberland Colchester Musquodoboit Valley) on behalf of the Honourable Rona Ambrose,

Minister of Public Works and Government Services and Minister for Status of Women, announced the Government of Canada's pre-qualification for Instrument Concepts Inc.'s

new innovation, icListen, through the second round of the Canadian Innovation Commercialization Program (CICP).

MP Armstrong said, "Our

Government is putting its support behind their innovation designed right here in Great Village and bringing them one step closer in moving their innovations into domestic and international markets."

Instrument Concepts Inc.'s innovation, icListen is a "smart" hydrophone that can listen for, detect and notify border security personnel of any boat activity by being trained to listen for specific sounds in a marine environment.

The CICP is a \$40-million pilot program launched as part of the Economic Action Plan. Successful companies may see their pre-commercial products and services tested within government operations, and will be given relevant feedback from participating departments.

In total, 27 innovations from Canadian companies pre-qualified for funding under the CICP's first round and 36 innovations under the second round.