

SFU BUSINESS

Alumni Profile



Jim Ledoux

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When Jim Ledoux finished his Bachelor of Arts degree in commerce and economics at SFU in 1970, he had 13 job interviews and 13 job offers. Not bad for someone who initially dropped out of school in Grade 8.

Today, Ledoux is the Manager of the National Research Council (NRC) of Canada's Industry Partnership Facility (IPF) in Ottawa, a role that has expanded to National Coordinator for NRC's 20 institutes across Canada. It's his job to act as a facilitator for company tenants at the institutes, handling their needs regarding space, finance, human resources, equipment, and research.

His background is perfect for the job. Not only did he work for Bank of Montreal and Morguard Corp., he also spent 15 years with the Business Development Bank of Canada and has started up six of his own companies. As well, he set up an entrepreneurship/innovation centre for the francophone community of Eastern Ontario before joining NRC in 1998 to establish the IPF. Today, there are 14 Industry Partnership facilities across Canada with a further five under construction or in the planning stages. His work with the NRC has garnered several awards, including, the NRC's 2006 National and Community Innovation award for his exceptional contribution to industry partnership facilities.

He has also received several awards from organizations that include the Chamber of Commerce for Quebec and the Canadian Association of Business Incubation. He is presently a board member and treasurer of the National Business Incubation Association (NBIA), which is the largest incubation organization in the world, with over 1,600 members.

Ledoux's facility management experience comes in handy at home on his 235-acre working farm where he also has a boarding kennel for dogs and cats. An experienced commercial bush pilot, he also holds a flying instructor's rating. We are proud to list accomplished and diverse individuals like Jim as one of our alumni.