

ACM Task Force on Globalization

The Association for Computing Machinery ACM task force on Global Impacts of IT Outsourcing was set to:

- Assess the major forces shaping the movement of IT jobs globally, with a focus on software and systems research, development and services
- Provide a more informed context for making professional career decisions, setting future educational requirements, and understanding future employment trends
- Provide information to help ACM members and the wider computing community make realistic career decisions that take into account global trends
- Enable educators to effectively shape the future of education in computing and computer science in the context of a global workforce
- Allow industry to fairly assess the impact of migrating tasks across global boundaries
- The report's conclusions are intended to embolden policy-makers worldwide to incorporate a broader understanding of the issues.

Bi-Lateral R&D Programs

- Funds to support hi-tech projects
- 50:50 cost-share with participating companies, as “conditional grants”
 - Example: BIRD-F: July 1979 - Dec 2002 \$205 million in 647 projects, 305 of which had repaid \$72 million
 - Cumulative sales of “BIRD Products” ~\$4 billion, \$115 million in 2002 alone
- Other, multi-lateral, vehicles in globalized collaboration in R&D, including EU Framework exist.