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H.F. 452 appropriates \$750,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2009 to the commissioner of employment and economic development to establish and operate a technology and commercialization unit within the department. The appropriation may be used to coordinate efforts to procure federal resources for collaborative research and development projects aimed at small and medium sized businesses; promote contractual relationships with Minnesota based federal contractors and Minnesota based subcontractors; assess the research and development potential of small and medium sized businesses; undertake activities to link Minnesota companies with federal request for proposal (RFP) opportunities; and develop a framework for Minnesota companies to establish sole-sourcing relationships with federal agencies.

The commissioner must report to the legislature on the activities of the new unit by June 30 of each year.