

## Gary Albach

Prior to accepting his position with Technology Futures, Gary served as Executive Director of nanoAlberta. During his tenure there, he fostered a number of significant nano-related ventures for Alberta. nanoAlberta was the lead Alberta partner on developing a Memorandum of Understanding with Rice University, and its renowned Smalley Institute in Texas.

Gary was instrumental in establishing the direction of the Alberta Centre for Advanced Micro-nanotechnology Products (ACAMP) for product development. He also brokered the deal to establish the Hitachi Electron Microscopy Products Development Centre (HEMiC) at the National Institute for Nanotechnology (NINT). His guidance in the NanoWorks Program has given it the central foundation it needed to serve both industry and university communities in Alberta.

Gary was also appointed to the International Good NanoGuide Implementation Committee (ICON) as part of Alberta's leadership in development of Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) standards for the nano materials industries.

Prior to coming to Alberta, Gary gained over 30 years experience in the formation and management of high technology companies, starting as the founder of the first official spin-off company at the University of British Columbia (UBC). He served for two years as the Entrepreneur-in-Residence at UBC and was most recently CEO of Northwest Mettech Corp., a nano-materials company in Vancouver, specializing in advanced industrial coatings.

Gary has served on the Board of Directors of numerous public and private organizations, including past chair of the Commercialization Group of the British Columbia Technical Industries Association, the Advisory Board for the National Research Council's Industrial Research Development Program (IRAP), and founding Chair of the Canadian Technology Network.

He holds a B.Sc. (Hon) from the University of Waterloo and a Ph.D. in physics from The University of British Columbia.