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The first programs supported by the All (French Industrial Innovation Agency)

The supervisory board of the All (French Industrial Innovation Agency), meeting in Paris, has just announced the first **Programs Mobilizing industrial innovation (PMII)**, which will receive support in the framework of the agency's mission.

The **Agency** formally approved five projects, just eight months after it was set up on August 30th 2005. They are:

- **BioHub**, enhancing the value of agricultural resources through biotechnology, presented by Roquette Frères, with a total R&D investment of € 98 million;
- **HOMES**, saving energy in buildings, presented by Schneider Electric, with a total R&D investment of € 88 million;
- **NeoVal**, the automatic modular transport system running on tyres, presented by Siemens France, with a total R&D investment of € 62 million;
- **Quaero**, research and recognition of digital contents, presented by Thomson, with a total R&D investment of € 250 million;
- **TVMSL** (Unlimited Mobile Television) presented by Alcatel, with a total R&D investment of € 98 million.

These research and development programs representing total investment of € 596 million will receive € 236 million from the agency, in the form of grants or reimbursable advances.

A sixth program, **VHD** (Hybrid diesel electric vehicle) proposed by PSA Peugeot Citroen, will be submitted for approval at the next meeting of the **All** supervisory board.

In the short term, pursuing these research and development programs will mobilize 770 highly qualified jobs and will create 230 new jobs. Their success will enable the creation of several thousand direct and indirect jobs.

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