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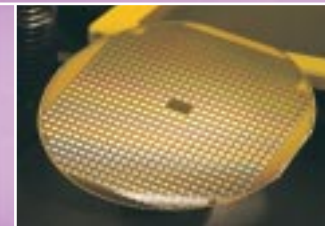
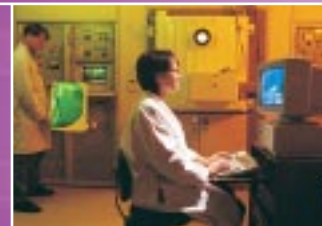
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Defining World Standards in Fabless Semiconductor Advances

Discover what those who live and work here already know. Ottawa is a major semiconductor center, internationally renowned for setting industry precedents in everything from pure research and development through to ASIC and memory design in a fabless semiconductor environment.

A Strong, Established Track Record

With a strong infrastructure and outstanding research and development facilities, Ottawa is home to a diverse base of established companies including Tundra, MOSAID and Zarlink, together with dynamic emerging companies that include Quake, SiGe Semiconductor and Sibercore.

Ottawa's flourishing semiconductor industry reflects a long history and deep strength in designing next generation semiconductors. This expertise is augmented by visionary developments in design and productivity tools to enhance fabless semiconductor advances, particularly those related to wireless and telecommunications networking applications.

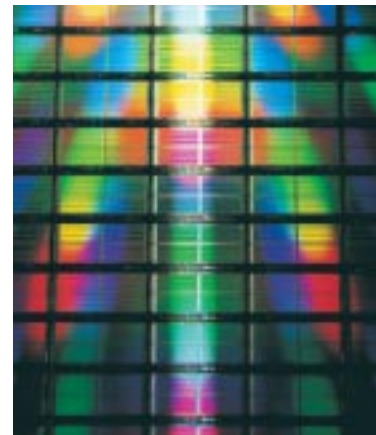


Dynamic Labour Force

Ottawa boasts a diverse, highly skilled workforce that creates new sources of wealth within and beyond the Region's borders. This combination of talent and opportunity has helped create a strong semiconductor cluster that attracts new businesses and new residents every year.

Exceptional R&D Environment

When it comes to nurturing world class semiconductor talent, Ottawa has four universities, four colleges and numerous professional and business schools, as well as a network of private and public laboratories. Industry and government facilities direct some of the Region's training and research direction. A significant proportion of pure research is conducted within a cohesive cluster of government and university labs, while additional technology research continues in the labs of large corporations like Nortel and visionary spinoffs. This rich nucleus of focused educational and R&D resources has spawned an impressive collection of advances, propelling Ottawa's semiconductor sector further, faster. Innovative leadership in intellectual property, microstructural analysis and semiconductor design has put Ottawa at the forefront of the global semiconductor industry. This influential position is further underscored by the Region's impressive progress in the area of logic and memory integration.



"In looking for a location to do R & D, we found a lot of great talent in Ottawa that was quite unique. We're in the semiconductor space, so these types of people are highly valuable and hard to find," says Otreba. "In the San Diego area there are a number of wireless companies, but I'm pretty sure the concentration of ASIC design expertise is higher in Ottawa."

Dariusz Otreba
President and CTO, Zucotto Wireless



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Supportive Business Infrastructure

Ottawa's educational and business communities are dedicated to ensuring the Region remains at the forefront of fabless semiconductor design. Collaborative efforts abound, including private/public partnerships with leading research organizations such as the National Research Council of Canada's Institute for Microstructural Sciences and Canada's Communications Research Centre. Years of R&D originating from these renowned research labs, access to their designs and design tools has allowed Ottawa to evolve into one of the top world centers for semiconductor development. As a result, Ottawa has attracted the headquarters of such organizations as the Strategic Microelectronics Consortium (SMC) and the Semiconductor Workforce Consortium.

"Thanks to the combined efforts of the high tech community, government, and local educational institutions, Ottawa has earned a reputation as the best city in which to live, play, and work. We now have the people, the ideas and the funding to surpass the impressive level of growth we've already attained."

George Cwynar
President & CEO, MOSAID Technologies

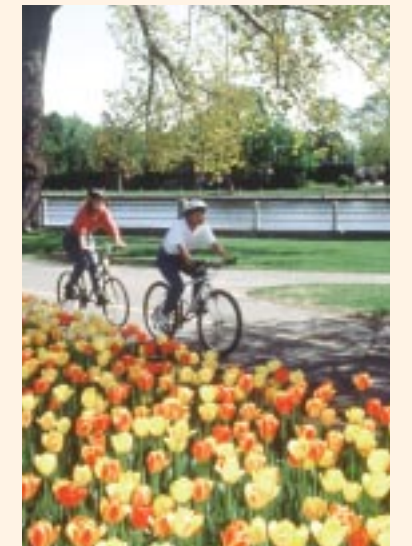


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"Ottawa's fabless semiconductor industry has emerged as a true world leader. Ottawa is home to companies that are at the forefront of design efforts to blend logic and memory on a single chip. Our commercial success will endure as startups and spin-offs continue to attract investment and people."

Denis Colbourne
Chair, Ottawa Semiconductor Initiative

A healthy venture capital investment environment and a professional service network that understands the nuances and highly specialized needs of the semiconductor sector has also emerged. Several key semiconductor players have secured multi-million dollar financing agreements; testament to the visibility and viability of this segment of Ottawa's high tech community. A number of companies with specialized clean-room construction and supply abilities have exploded onto the regional scene. In addition, Ottawa's commitment to build the world's most connected city by providing 100% wideband high speed internet connection between private companies and public institutions is changing the way the Region's businesses interact with one another, fuelling more collaborative opportunities.



Life and Style at its Best

Charm and vibrancy. A feisty entrepreneurial spirit. A destination city offering world-class conference and trade show facilities. Numerous cultural facilities and events. A generous selection of nightclubs and restaurants. A pristine expanse of lakes, hiking and biking paths, cross-country and downhill ski trails, beaches and campgrounds. A semiconductor industry second to none. These winning attributes have positioned Ottawa as one of Canada's fastest growing economies, and one of the world's most progressive centers for innovation and excellence.