

## Ottawa Fact Sheet – September 2006

All figures quoted in \$ Cdn

### EMPLOYMENT/TECHNOLOGY

#### Unemployment Rates August 2006 (StatsCan)

##### Monthly, Adjusted

National	6.5% (July 6.4%)
Provincial	6.4% (July 6.5%)
Local (3-month moving avg)	4.8% (July 4.9%)

#### Overall Employment in Ottawa-Gatineau (StatsCan)

August 2006	651,600
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#### HT Workers in Ottawa-Gatineau (OCRI)

<a href="#">June 2006 Disclosed</a>	78,147
<a href="#">January 2006 Disclosed</a>	76,126

#### Local Employment Outlook

##### (Manpower Inc. Survey 4th Quarter 2006)

Plan to hire:	35%
Plan to layoff:	8%
No change:	57%

#### HT Companies in Ottawa-Gatineau (OCRI)

<a href="#">June 2006 Disclosed</a>	1,841
<a href="#">January 2006 Disclosed</a>	1,811

### HOUSING/REAL ESTATE/CONSTRUCTION

#### Overall New Home Starts in Ottawa (CMHC)

August 2006 (Unadjusted)	583
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#### Value of Building Permits (StatsCan)

Ottawa-Gatineau (ON/QC) Julu 2006 (Adjusted)	\$167.7 million
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#### Average Sale Price (Ottawa Real Estate Board)

August 2006	\$260,784
Units Sold in August 2006	1,249

#### Office Vacancy Rate (Cushman & Wakefield LePage)

Q2 2006 – 6.8%
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### VENTURE CAPITAL/FUNDING

#### Venture Capital Investment (CDN) (Revised, OCN)

1999: \$274M
2000: \$1.3B
2001: \$921M
2002: \$734M
2003: \$241.71M
2004: \$189.58M
2005: \$359.40M
2006 YTD: \$102.35

#### Recent Venture Capital Investments

##### Q1 2006

<a href="#">Airwide Solutions</a>	\$28.65 million
<a href="#">StemPath Inc.</a>	\$1.00 million
<a href="#">Galazar Networks</a>	\$7.55 million

##### Q2 2006

<a href="#">Iogen Corporation</a>	\$30.00 million
<a href="#">Spotwave Wireless</a>	\$2.8 million
<a href="#">Firsthand Technologies</a>	\$7.80 million
<a href="#">neurolanguage</a>	\$2.70 million

##### Q3 2006

<a href="#">SiGe Semiconductor</a>	\$21.85
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[Click here](#) for a detailed list of 2006 funding in the NCR

### OCRI GLOBAL MARKETING RECENT BLOG POSTS

- [About Zone5ive](#)
- [Management Equals Success](#)

### AWARDS

#### Carleton doctoral student wins electronics fellowship (The Ottawa Citizen, 08/18/06)

Peter Popplewell, a Carleton University doctoral student in the university's department of electronics, is one of the two international winners of a 2006-2007 IEEE Solid-State Circuits Society Pre-Doctoral Fellowship.

### CONTRACTS

#### SiGe lands expansion financing (Ottawa Business Journal 08/30/06)

Ottawa's SiGe Semiconductor has landed a US\$19.5 million financing that will carry the company to profitability and beyond.

#### March Networks signs U.S. regional bank (Ottawa Business Journal, 08/21/06)

Commerce Bank, which bills itself as "America's Most Convenient Bank," has chosen March's digital video surveillance system for deployment throughout its more than 400 branches.

#### Macadamian makes acquisition (Ottawa Business Journal 08/10/06)

Ottawa software engineering firm Macadamian Technologies has purchased another Ottawa company, expanding its role into the design and idea stages of product development. Macadamian says its acquisition of Maskery will help customers quickly bring products to market.

#### Tundra signs new North American distributor (Ottawa Business Journal 08/10/06)

Tundra Semiconductor Corporation has signed Avnet Electronics Marketing Americas as a value-added distributor in North America.

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## CONTRACTS

### **Nortel inks deal for property management (Ottawa Business Journal 08/08/06)**

Johnson Controls Inc. has won a five-year contract to manage Nortel's properties in North and Latin America. The five-year contract is valued at US \$50 million.

### **Open Text reaches deal to acquire Hummingbird (Ottawa Business Journal 08/04/06)**

Two of Canada's mid-size software companies are merging, after Open Text Corporation of Waterloo reached an agreement to acquire Hummingbird Ltd.

### **AMCC buys Quake for US\$69M (Ottawa Business Journal 08/03/06)**

Another U.S. technology heavyweight has landed in Ottawa with a US\$69 million deal to acquire local firm Quake Technologies. Quake has been acquired by Applied Micro Circuits Corp., a California based networking technology firm with annual revenues of about US\$250 million and 660 staff

## EDUCATION

### **Desmarais gives record \$15 million to U of O (The Ottawa Citizen, 08/16/06)**

Paul Desmarais Sr., one of Canada's most powerful and influential business leaders, has donated a record \$15 million to the University of Ottawa in the hope that the money will help produce a new generation of leaders and entrepreneurs for the country.

### **New Sprott dean aims to boost school's reputation (Ottawa Business Journal, 08/16/06)**

As Dr. Bill Keep prepares to step into his role as the inaugural dean of the Sprott School of Business at Carleton University, he says he is looking forward to picking the brains of the business school's faculty and putting it in the same league as the heavy-hitters.