

## Ottawa Fact Sheet – October 2006

All figures quoted in \$ Cdn

### EMPLOYMENT/TECHNOLOGY

#### Unemployment Rates September 2006 (StatsCan)

##### Monthly, Adjusted

National	6.4% (Aug 6.5%)
Provincial	6.6% (Aug 6.4%)
Local (3-month moving avg)	4.8% (Aug 4.8%)

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

September 2006 647,100

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

<a href="#">June 2006 Disclosed</a>	78,147
January 2006 Disclosed	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
January 2006 Disclosed	1,811

### HOUSING/REAL ESTATE/CONSTRUCTION

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

September 2006 (Unadjusted) 420

#### Value of Building Permits (StatsCan)

Ottawa-Gatineau (ON/QC) August 2006 (Adjusted) \$209.4 million

#### Average Sale Price (Ottawa Real Estate Board)

September 2006 \$255,026

Units Sold in September 2006 1,092

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

Q4 - 2006 – 7.1%

### 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: \$147.75M

#### 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 million
<a href="#">BelAir Networks</a>	\$24.00 million
<a href="#">MODASolutions</a>	\$12.30 million
<a href="#">Group IV Semiconductor</a>	\$9.10 million

[Click here](#) for a detailed list of 2006 funding in the NCR

### OCRI GLOBAL MARKETING RECENT BLOG POSTS

- [CALLING ALL OTTAWA ANGELS: STOP ACTING LIKE VCS](#)
- [WHAT IS WRONG WITH JOBS..?](#)
- [VOICE 2.0 - OTTAWA'S HOTTEST NEXT GENERATION COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE](#)

### AWARDS

#### Liponex tops OLSC annual awards (Ottawa Business Journal, 09/26/06)

Liponex Inc., the Ottawa-based startup that is researching products related to HDL or "good" cholesterol, has been named company of the year by the Ottawa Life Sciences.

#### Kudos for NAV Canada boss (The Ottawa Citizen, 09/22/06)

NAV Canada's president, John Crichton, has been named Transportation Person of the Year by the Transportation Association of Canada.

### CONTRACTS

#### Dell raises bar in latest round of recruiting (Ottawa Business Journal, 10/05/06)

Dell Computer is recruiting 500 qualified and experienced tech support professionals for its Kanata call centre, and creating additional training programs for the existing staff.

#### Ottawa's IP Unwired bought by U.S. aircraft tech firm (The Ottawa Citizen, 09/26/06)

IP Unwired, an Ottawa maker of advanced data gear, has been bought by Rockwell Collins, a U.S. aircraft technology company.

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## CONTRACTS

### **Nortel scores second Indian rail contract (Ottawa Business Journal, 09/19/06)**

Nortel Networks has concluded an agreement to provide wireless railway communications equipment to Indian Railways to use on one of the most important and busiest rail arteries in India's most populous state, Uttar Pradesh.

### **Enablance signs co-operation agreement (Ottawa Business Journal, 09/18/06)**

Ottawa's Enablance Technologies Inc. has entered into a co-operation agreement with optical component maker Kotura Inc. of Monterey Park, California.

### **Tundra signs new Asian distributor (Ottawa Business Journal, 09/14/06)**

Tundra Semiconductor Corporation has signed a distribution agreement with its new partner Nu Horizons Electronics Asia, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nu Horizons Electronics Corporation.

### **Nortel, TELUS team on IP service (Ottawa Business Journal, 09/12/06)**

Nortel Networks is teaming up with TELUS to integrate advanced multimedia and communications products into TELUS' IP services over a new network infrastructure.

### **Objectworld trumpets new distribution deal (Ottawa Business Journal, 09/11/06)**

Objectworld Communications Corp., an Ottawa unified communications company, announced a distribution agreement with Computer Telephony Distributing, a leading distributor of VoIP services and products located in Greenville, South Carolina.

### **Thermal Energy acquires red-hot technology, (Ottawa Business Journal, 09/11/06)**

Ottawa-based Thermal Energy International Inc. is acquiring award-winning, patented Dry-Rex bioenergy technology from Mabarex Inc., of Montreal for \$3.25 million.

### **iotum in software deal with AOL (Ottawa Business Journal, 09/08/06)**

AOL has chosen iotum as one of the first three development partners to participate in its new Internet-based phone line service. iotum will offer its call priority software to users of the free AIM phone line, which is based on AOL's instant messenger service.

### **Shareholders okay Alcatel-Lucent deal (Ottawa Business Journal, 09/07/06)**

A new global telecom giant has been born, as shareholders approve Paris-based Alcatel's acquisition of Lucent Technologies.

### **Elliptic signs Chinese distributor (Elliptic News Release, 09/07/06)**

Crescendo Technologies, Inc. and Elliptic announced that they were partnering to bring Elliptic's innovative semiconductor IP and middleware to market in the Chinese market.

## EDUCATION

### **City student wins biotech essay contest (The Ottawa Citizen, 09/22/06)**

Mina Tohidi, an 18-year-old student at the University of Ottawa, has won a national essay contest offered as part of National Biotech Week.

### **Carleton scores with European Union (The Ottawa Citizen, 09/20/06)**

Carleton University played host to a one-day conference on the next wave of expansion for the European Union.

### **Carleton boss to undertake booster tour The Ottawa Citizen, 09/19/06)**

The president of Carleton University, David Atkinson, is embarking on a North American tour to sell a bold plan to make the institution a world-class university.