

## Ottawa Fact Sheet - November 2006

All figures quoted in \$ Cdn

### EMPLOYMENT/TECHNOLOGY

#### Unemployment Rates October 2006 (StatsCan) Monthly, Seasonally Adjusted

National	6.2% (Sept 6.4%)
Provincial	6.4% (Sept 6.6%)
Local (3-month moving avg)	5.1% (Sept 4.8%)

#### Local Employment Outlook (Manpower Inc. Survey 4th Quarter 2006)

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

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

October 2006	638,200
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#### HT Companies in Ottawa-Gatineau (OCRI)

<u>June 2006 Disclosed</u>	1,841
January 2006 Disclosed	1,811

#### High Tech Workers in Ottawa-Gatineau (OCRI)

<u>June 2006 Disclosed</u>	78,147
January 2006 Disclosed	76,126

### HOUSING/REAL ESTATE/CONSTRUCTION

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

October 2006 (Unadjusted)	472
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#### Average Sale Price (Ottawa Real Estate Board)

October 2006	\$255,763
Units Sold in October 2006	1,015

#### Value of Building Permits (StatsCan)

Ottawa-Gatineau (ON/QC)	\$164.8 million
September 2006 (adjusted)	

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

Q3 2006- 7.1%

### VENTURE CAPITAL/FUNDING

#### Venture Capital Investment (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

<u>Airwide Solutions</u>	\$28.65 million
<u>StemPath Inc.</u>	\$1.00 million
<u>Galazar Networks</u>	\$7.55 million

##### Q2 2006

<u>logen Corporation</u>	\$30.00 million
<u>Spotwave Wireless</u>	\$2.8 million
<u>Firsthand Technologies</u>	\$7.80 million
<u>neurolanguage</u>	\$2.70 million

##### Q3 2006

<u>SiGe Semiconductor</u>	\$21.85 million
<u>BelAir Networks</u>	\$24.00 million
<u>MODASolutions</u>	\$12.30 million
<u>Group IV Semiconductor</u>	\$9.10 million

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

### OCRI GLOBAL MARKETING RECENT BLOG POSTS

- [QUESTION](#): How has digital Hollywood changed the entertainment mix in your home? Are you watching more or less TV, and if less, what's replacing television entertainment?
- [HELP US IDENTIFY OTTAWA'S LABOUR MARKET ISSUES](#)

## AWARDS

### **NAV Canada wins award (The Ottawa Citizen, 10/31/06)**

Nav Canada has received the J.A.D. McCurdy Award for outstanding achievements in civil aviation in Canada. The award was presented by the Air Force Association of Canada.

### **Grantham named to list of top women entrepreneurs (Ottawa Business Journal, 10/23/06)**

Janis Grantham, president and COO of Ottawa's Eagle Professional Services, has cracked the top five in the annual list of Canada's top women entrepreneurs published by PROFIT magazine.

### **Kevin Dee the OBJ's 2006 CEO of the year (Ottawa Business Journal, 10/02/06)**

A Liverpool-born businessman who took his IT staffing services company to \$98 million in revenues last year has been selected as the Ottawa Business Journal's 2006 CEO of the Year.

## CONTRACTS

### **3M wins Netherlands contract with ePassport system (The Ottawa Citizen, 10/30/06)**

The Netherlands will be using 3M's ePassport Readers to validate biometric identity documents at the Amsterdam Schiphol Airport and other high-traffic border control points.

### **Zarlink sells packet switching line (Ottawa Business Journal, 10/26/06)**

Zarlink Semiconductor has sold its packet switching product line to Conexant Systems for cash and other considerations.

### **Mxi reaches milestone with Air Mauritius (Ottawa Business Journal, 10/25/06)**

Ottawa-based Mxi Technologies has completed the first phase of deploying its aircraft maintenance software for Air Mauritius. The Maintenix software is now recognized as the official system of record with regulatory authorities for Air Mauritius's fleet of Airbus A340 jetliners.

### **Third Brigade provides software to CitiStreet (Ottawa Business Journal, 10/18/06)**

Ottawa's Third Brigade is providing intrusion prevention software to CitiStreet, one of the largest providers of employee benefit plans in the U.S..

### **EMS Satcom lands multi-year deal with Honeywell (Ottawa Business Journal, 10/17/06)**

Ottawa-based EMS Satcom has won a multi-million deal to supply its SwiftBroadband technology to Honeywell.

### **March Networks lands \$14M Toronto Transit deal (Ottawa Business Journal, 10/12/06)**

March Networks has won a contract to provide the Toronto Transit Commission with surveillance technology to cover its fleet of buses.

### **Nortel scores French-Spanish rail contract (Ottawa Business Journal, 10/04/06)**

Nortel Networks has won a contract with TP Ferro, a Spanish and French railway consortium, to supply railway communications technology for the new 44-km high-speed Figueres-Perpignan line currently being build between Spain and France.

## EDUCATION

### **Higher IT student enrollment numbers positive trend: industry (Ottawa Business Journal, 10/25/06)**

Ottawa's tech industry is getting back in the saddle, industry advocates are saying, and the proof is in the classrooms. They point to higher student enrollment figures for the first year IT studies at Ottawa-area post-secondary institutions, a first after five straight years of declining.

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