

All figures quoted in \$ Cdn

EMPLOYMENT/TECHNOLOGY

**Unemployment Rates September 2007
(StatsCan) Monthly, Seasonally Adjusted**

National	5.9% (August 6.0%)
Provincial	6.2% (August 6.4%)
Local (3-month moving avg)	5.3% (August 5.5%)

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

September 2007	658,600
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**High Tech Workers in Ottawa-Gatineau
(OCRI)**

<u>January 2007 Disclosed</u>	79,466
January 2006 Disclosed	76,126

**Local Employment Outlook
(Manpower Inc. Survey 4th Quarter 2007)**

Plan to hire:	33%
Plan to layoff:	7%
No change:	57%
Not sure:	3%

HT Companies in Ottawa-Gatineau (OCRI)

<u>January 2007 Disclosed</u>	1,803
January 2006 Disclosed	1,811

HOUSING/REAL ESTATE/CONSTRUCTION

Overall New Home Starts in Ottawa (CMHC)

September 2007 (Unadjusted)	623
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Value of Building Permits (StatsCan)

Ottawa-Gatineau (ON/QC) August 2007 (adjusted)	\$229.8 million
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Average Sale Price (Ottawa Real Estate Board)

September 2007	\$272,500
Units Sold in September 2007	1,116

Office Vacancy Rate (Cushman & Wakefield Lepage)

Q3 2007	5.9%
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VENTURE CAPITAL/FUNDING

**Venture Capital Investment (Revised,
OCN)**

Recent Venture Capital Investments

1999: \$274M
2000: \$1.3B
2001: \$921M
2002: \$734M
2003: \$241.71M
2004: \$189.58M
2005: \$359.40M
2006: \$266.10M*
2007: \$100.05M

* Revised figure - updated funding disclosures for seed rounds advanced in Q4 2006.

Q1 2007

[Trigence Corp](#) \$8.0 million

Q2 2007

[Epocal](#) \$35.5 million

[SiGe Semiconductor](#) \$21.2 million

[dna13 Inc.](#) \$5.0 million

[Distil Interactive](#) \$2.2 million

[Zeligsoft Inc.](#) \$5.0 million

Q3 2007

[BTI Photonics](#) \$12.5 million

[Gridpoint Systems Inc.](#) \$8.0 million

[Pinpoint Selling](#) \$2.5 million

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AWARDS

Corel boss picked as the OBJ's CEO of the Year (Ottawa Business Journal, 17/09/2007)

The man who has spearheaded Corel Corp.'s turnaround has been selected as the Ottawa Business Journal's 2007 CEO of the Year.

BTI Photonic Systems honoured as third-fastest-growing tech company in Canada (Ottawa Business Journal, 20/09/2007)

Five Ottawa companies have been recognized by Deloitte for their business growth, innovation and entrepreneurship, with BTI Photonic Systems Inc. sharing one of the top three spots on the list. BTI was tied for third place on the Deloitte Technology Fast 50 list along with Toronto-based Tira Wireless Inc., with both companies achieving revenue growth of 16,610 per cent over the past five years.

Variation Biotechnologies wins life sciences company of the year award (Ottawa Business Journal, 25/09/2007)

Variation Biotechnologies Inc. has been given top honours by the Ottawa Centre of Research and Innovation's life sciences division. The six-year old company, which makes "intelligent vaccines" that help the human immune system detect viruses such as HIV, Hepatitis C and influenza more efficiently, was named as OCRI Life Sciences' company of the year at the organization's 14th Annual Life Sciences Achievement Awards Dinner.

Neptec Design Group has been recognized by NASA (Ottawa Business Journal, 01/10/2007)

Neptec Design Group has been recognized by NASA for its outstanding performance on the STS-118 Orbiter Mission. In a ceremony held at the Houston Space Center, NASA acknowledged the important contribution of the STS-118 Orbiter Project and Engineering Teams.

CONTRACTS

Black Coral wins \$1.2M contract with U.S. Army (Ottawa Business Journal, 25/09/2007)

Geospatial software company Black Coral Inc. has won a \$1.2-million research and development contract with the U.S. Department of Defense.

Kinaxis software selected by Microsoft's gaming division (Ottawa Business Journal, 25/09/2007)

Ottawa-based Kinaxis Inc.'s software has been chosen by Microsoft's game console manufacturing division to help manage supply chain changes.

Allen-Vanguard gets \$12.2M order from U.S. army (Ottawa Business Journal, 28/09/2007)

Bomb detection and removal equipment company Allen-Vanguard Corp. has received a \$12.2-million spares order from the U.S. army.

Cognos to provide business intelligence software to leading U.K biotech firm (Ottawa Business Journal, 03/10/2007)

Cognos's flagship business intelligence software has been selected by U.K.-based biotechnology company Acambis to help manage its spending plans.

DataJungle wins deal with Concordia University (Ottawa Business Journal, 03/10/2007)

Ottawa-based DataJungle Software has seen its first win under its new business strategy for its dashboarding solution.

Thermal Energy wins \$125,000 in new orders for GEM steam traps (Ottawa Business Journal, 03/10/2007)

Ottawa-based Thermal Energy International Inc. has secured three new orders for the GEM steam trap system.

Mobile Knowledge to equip Santa Monica taxis with dispatch system (Ottawa Business Journal, 05/10/2007)

Ottawa-based Mobile Knowledge Corp. has been selected to provide its taxi dispatch system to 65 of Santa Monica, Calif.-based 24-7 Yellow Cab's vehicles.

OSI wins \$2M contract with Australian Navy (Ottawa Business Journal, 10/10/2007)

Mapping software company OSI Geospatial Inc. has won a \$2-million US contract with the Australian Navy.

RAMTelecom wins \$468,000 deal to help provide CCTV ads to Wal-Mart (Ottawa Business Journal, 10/10/2007)

Satellite services company RAMTelecom Inc. is helping a Toronto company to provide closed-

circuit television advertising for 60 Wal-Mart stores across Canada.

Seprotech goes shopping (Ottawa Business Journal, 11/10/2007)

Ottawa's Seprotech Systems Inc. has expanded its portfolio of waste water treatment technologies with the purchase of B.C. firm P.J. Hannah Equipment Sales Corp. for up to \$1.15 million in cash and stock provided certain milestones are met.

Taiwan's all-star chipmaker buys EMT (Ottawa Citizen, 13/10/2007)

Sreedhar Natarajan may be one of the fastest-talking chief executives in Ottawa's tech sector. For the past few years, he has been racing around the planet -- Taiwan, India, California and points beyond -- landing choice R&D projects on behalf of his startup, Emerging Memory Technologies Inc. His role in town has suddenly got a lot more interesting. An important clue is the fact the logo on his company's offices at 349 Terry Fox Dr. changed a few weeks ago. It now reads: Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Corp.

IDC's broadband satellite tech picked by New Jersey digital cinema company (Ottawa Business Journal, 15/10/2007)

International Datacasting Corp. has teamed up with Montreal's SENSIO Technologies Inc, to help a New Jersey entertainment technology company develop a new set of hardware which will bring two-dimensional and three-dimensional live content to movie theatres.

C-COM Satellite Systems selected by Beijing (National Capital SCAN, 10/2007)

C-COM Satellite Systems' iNetVu mobile antenna system is chosen by China's Ministry of Land Resources for land surveying.

EDUCATION

Ottawa scores highly on learning, labour, but flunks for poverty, environment (Ottawa Business Journal, 03/10/2007)

Ottawa is highly educated, safer than it was years ago, and offers local residents fairly good access to medical professionals, but the city still ranks poorly in terms of the environment, arts funding and the gap between the rich and the poor, according to a new annual Vital Signs report.

University of Ottawa - Hall of Fame (Ottawa Citizen, 09/10/2007)

Gilles Delisle, a former director and professor of the University of Ottawa school of information technology and engineering, will be joining Canada's Telecommunications Hall of Fame. In addition to two years at the U of O earlier this decade, he has 30 years' experience at Université Laval and other organizations. He currently is vice-president of research at the International Institute of Telecommunications in Montreal.

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