

## Ottawa Fact Sheet - February 2007

All figures quoted in \$ Cdn

### EMPLOYMENT/TECHNOLOGY

#### Unemployment Rates January 2007 (StatsCan) Monthly, Seasonally Adjusted

National	6.2% (Dec 6.1%)
Provincial	6.4% (Dec 6.1%)
Local (3-month moving avg)	5.8% (Dec 5.7%)

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

January 2007	627,600
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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 1st Quarter 2007)

Plan to hire:	14%
Plan to layoff:	10%
No change:	76%

#### 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)

January 2007 (Unadjusted)	343
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#### Value of Building Permits (StatsCan)

Ottawa-Gatineau (ON/QC)	\$125.9 million
December 2006 (adjusted)	

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

January 2007	\$260,374
Units Sold in January 2007	763

#### 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: \$246.65M
2007: \$8.0M

#### Recent Venture Capital Investments

##### Q1 2007

<u>Trigence Corp.</u>	\$8.0 million
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[Click here](#) for a detailed list of 2007 funding in the NCR

### AWARDS

**Ottawa-Gatineau named one of top seven intelligent communities in the world (Ottawa Business Journal, 01/18/07)**

Ottawa-Gatineau has been chosen as one of the top seven intelligent communities in the world and, along with Waterloo, is one of only two North American cities to be included on the list.

## CONTRACTS

**IDC lands contract with Mexican advertising company (Ottawa Business Journal, 01/23/07)**

International Datacasting Corporation has been selected to work with two Mexican companies to transmit digital advertising signage at 360 retail stores throughout Mexico.

**Seprotech gets two new orders totalling \$575,000 (Ottawa Business Journal, 01/18/07)**

Water treatment systems maker Seprotech Systems Inc. has received two new orders totalling \$575,000, bringing its total in two months to \$5.2 million. The company said that one of its orders came from a "repeat customer in the municipal sector and represents the application of a new advance tertiary wastewater treatment technology," while the other order is a wastewater treatment system for a Quebec mining operation.

**Nortel lands key deal with BT (The Ottawa Citizen, 01/16/07)**

Nortel Networks has won a key contract with BT, the former British Telecom, which restores strained relations with a major customer and could shore up Nortel's weakened competitive position.

**RAMTelecom to join forces with Houston satellite company (Ottawa Business Journal, 01/10/07)**

Local satellite service provider RAMTelecom Inc. is joining forces with Texas-based SkyPort International Inc. to improve communications services coverage in North America.

**Transport Canada selects EMS Satcom's marine pollution detection system (Ottawa Business Journal, 01/09/07)**

Satellite technology provider EMS Satcom has been selected to supply Transport Canada with a broadband marine pollution detection system for its surveillance aircraft.

**Nortel to provide communications system to Bahamas resort (Ottawa Business Journal, 01/08/07)**

A new luxury resort in the Bahamas will be using Nortel's messaging systems to provide guests with advanced hospitality communications features.

**Kleer's wireless headphone tech chosen by RCA for new MP3 players (Ottawa Business Journal, 01/08/07)**

RCA has chosen local fabless semiconductor company Kleer to help develop wireless headphones for its latest wireless MP3 audio player.

## EDUCATION

**McGuinty government awards \$1.6M to local universities for R&D projects (Ottawa Business Journal, 01/09/07)**

The province is investing nearly \$11 million in research and development projects at universities across Ontario, including 15 grants totalling \$1.5 million at Carleton University and the University of Ottawa.

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