

Ottawa Fact Sheet - June 2007

All figures quoted in \$ Cdn

EMPLOYMENT/TECHNOLOGY

Unemployment Rates May 2007 (StatsCan) Monthly, Seasonally Adjusted

National	6.1% (Apr 6.1%)
Provincial	6.3% (Apr 6.6%)
Local (3-month moving avg)	5.5% (Apr 5.4%)

Overall Employment in Ottawa-Gatineau (StatsCan)

May 2007	641,300
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High Tech Workers in Ottawa-Gatineau (OCRI)

January 2007 Disclosed	79,466
January 2006 Disclosed	76,126

Local Employment Outlook (Manpower Inc. Survey 3rd Quarter 2007)

Plan to hire:	37%
Plan to layoff:	3%
No change:	55%
Not sure:	5%

HT Companies in Ottawa-Gatineau (OCRI)

January 2007 Disclosed	1,803
January 2006 Disclosed	1,811

HOUSING/REAL ESTATE/CONSTRUCTION

Overall New Home Starts in Ottawa (CMHC)

May 2007 (Unadjusted)	915
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Value of Building Permits (StatsCan)

Ottawa-Gatineau (ON/QC)	\$170.1 million
April 2007 (adjusted)	

Average Sale Price (Ottawa Real Estate Board)

May 2007	\$275,915
Units Sold in May 2007	1,856

Office Vacancy Rate (Cushman & Wakefield Lepage)

Q1 2007- 5.5 %

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: \$48.5M

Recent Venture Capital Investments

Q1 2007

Trigence Corp.	\$8.0 million
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Q2 2007

Epocal	\$35.5 million
dna13 Inc	\$5.0 million

[Click here](#) for a detailed list of 2007 funding in the NCR

AWARDS

Ottawa-Gatineau reclaims highest income title (Ottawa Business Journal, 05/30/2007)

Statistics Canada reported that Ottawa–Gatineau had the highest median two-parent family income among all census metropolitan areas in 2005 at \$86,100, up 2.6 per cent from the year before.

CONTRACTS

DragonWave teams up with rural broadband provider (Ottawa Business Journal, 05/01/2007)

Wireless networking products maker DragonWave Inc. is teaming up with rural broadband provider Barret Xplore to deploy a wireless broadband network in rural towns and communities across Canada. Barrett Xplore said it had chosen DragonWave because of its product's "highly reliable infrastructure" and ease of upgrade at a reasonable cost.

Nortel wins bid to provide network for Vancouver Winter Games (Ottawa Business Journal, 05/02/2007)

Nortel Networks has won a bid to supply network communications equipment for the 2010 Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, gaining a six-year sponsorship deal for the 2010 event as well as for the Canadian Olympic teams.

Cognos and Grant Thornton partner to provide budget framework (Ottawa Business Journal, 05/03/2007)

Ottawa-based Cognos is partnering with global accounting firm Grant Thornton International to launch a new joint solution designed to help U.S. federal civilian agencies optimize their budget development, planning and performance processes.

Mosaid signs 10-year licensing agreement with LSI (Ottawa Business Journal, 05/09/2007)

Mosaid Technologies Inc. has secured a 10-year patent licensing agreement with California-based LSI Corp., obtaining the exclusive right to sub-license more than 50 LSI patents.

Wi-LAN, Tri-Vision merger moves along (Ottawa Business Journal, 05/11/2007)

Ottawa's Wi-LAN Inc. confirmed Friday that its intention to acquire Tri-Vision International has progressed to a definitive acquisition agreement and the tie-up is expected to be completed by late June. Wi-LAN announced the \$108-million stock deal in late March to bulk up its patent portfolio in the upgradeable V-chip technology market.

Wi-LAN adds six wireless patents to portfolio (Ottawa Business Journal, 05/11/2007)

Wi-LAN Inc. has acquired a new wireless patent portfolio from the University of Bristol in England for US \$300,000. The Ottawa-based patent licensing firm said it had bought the rights to license six patents for orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM) technology, which reduces interference in Wi-Fi and WiMAX transmissions.

JDS Uniphase to acquire Ottawa-based Innocor (Ottawa Business Journal, 05/11/2007)

Broadband and optical technologies maker JDS Uniphase is buying Ottawa-based broadband test solutions provider Innocor for an undisclosed sum, adding to JDSU's lab and production test market.

BelAir Networks to provide wireless network to major Dallas development (Ottawa Business Journal, 05/15/2007)

Ottawa-based wireless networking solutions provider BelAir Networks has teamed up with three other U.S. companies to supply high-speed wireless access to a new US\$3-billion urban development project in Dallas.

Telesat wins contract to operate satellite for MDA (Ottawa Business Journal, 05/18/2007)

Telesat Canada has won a contract to operate Vancouver-based MacDonald, Dettwiler and Associates Ltd.'s RADARSAT-2 satellite. Telesat currently operates seven satellites on behalf of customers such as

XM Satellite Radio and Mobile Satellite Ventures, in addition to the eight satellites in its own fleet.

Wi-LAN acquires patent which could affect all cable modems in U.S. (Ottawa Business Journal, 05/18/2007)

Wi-LAN Inc. has acquired a communications patent which the company says has claims which would be infringed by virtually all cable modems or cable set-top boxes used, sold or manufactured in the United States. The Ottawa-based Patent licensing company has acquired the 602 Patent for a total consideration of approximately US\$1.1 million.

Atreus to provide IP provisioning system to Dutch multimedia company (Ottawa Business Journal, 05/22/2007)

The Ottawa-based company said its technology has been selected by KPN to deploy a full range of voice-over-Internet-protocol business applications for the Dutch company's small business and enterprise customers.

March Networks wins multimillion-dollar contract with transit operator (Ottawa Business Journal, 05/22/2007)

The Ottawa-based company said it had signed an agreement with a global systems integrator to deliver mobile video surveillance systems to the entire bus fleet of the unidentified transit operator, which "currently serves millions of passengers each year in a major, international city."

GangaGen partners with U of Nottingham to research food-borne illness (Ottawa Business Journal, 05/23/2007)

Local biotechnology firm GangaGen Life Sciences Inc. is partnering with the University of Nottingham in a major research project to develop a treatment for a common form of food-borne illness.

Emergis Inc. solution selected by CHEO (National Capital SCAN, 06/2007)

Emergis Inc. has its Oacis EMPI (enterprise master patient index) application installed at CHEO, linking the hospital with 14 other institutions across Eastern Ontario that have also deployed the solution.

Tarquin/Dipix merger finalized (National Capital SCAN, 06/2007)

Local industrial technology company Tarquin Group has finalized its acquisition of Dipix Technologies Inc., which will merge with a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tarquin established specifically for the purposes of the takeover.

Mitel/Prescott Solution (National Capital SCAN, 06/2007)

IP solutions from Mitel are chosen by Prescott, Arizona, to replace 23 separate phone and voice mail systems used by 600 employees in numerous facilities and departments, including police and fire.

EDUCATION

Goldcorp chair gives name to U of O biz school with \$25M gift (Ottawa Business Journal, 05/08/2007)

Goldcorp Inc. chairman and University of Ottawa alumnus Ian Telfer is donating \$25 million to his old business school, the largest individual gift in the university's history and for any Canadian business school.

University of Ottawa receives Federal Grant for research (Ottawa Business Journal, 05/28/2007)

Stem Cell Network, which focuses on the use of stem cell therapy for disease treatment, will receive \$995,000 from the Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE) to establish ties with similar research organizations in Australia, Israel, the United States, Germany, the United Kingdom, Japan and India.

\$21 million from NSERC (National Capital SCAN, 06/2007)

Professors and researchers at the University of Ottawa and Carleton University will receive \$21.2 million from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada's (NSERC) \$583.3 million, 2007 grants and scholarships program.

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