

Ottawa Fact Sheet - April 2007

All figures quoted in \$ Cdn

EMPLOYMENT/TECHNOLOGY

Unemployment Rates March 2007 (StatsCan) Monthly, Seasonally Adjusted

National	0.0% (Feb 6.2%)
Provincial	0.0% (Feb 6.3%)
Local (3-month moving avg)	0.0% (Feb 5.6%)

Overall Employment in Ottawa-Gatineau (StatsCan)

March 2007	000000
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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)

March 2007 (Unadjusted)	000
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Value of Building Permits (StatsCan)

Ottawa-Gatineau (ON/QC)	\$22000million
February 2007 (adjusted)	

Average Sale Price (Ottawa Real Estate Board)

March 2007	\$0000
Units Sold in March 2007	0000

Office Vacancy Rate (Cushman & Wakefield Lepage)

Q4 2006- 5.2%

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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AWARDS

Ottawa firms among 50 best-managed (The Ottawa Citizen, 02/08/07)

Two companies from the Ottawa area have been judged to be among the 50 best-managed companies in Canada. The Karson Group, a large integrated construction company based in Carp, which was recently acquired by Aecon Group, and altis-excelHR, an Ottawa staffing service, were selected in the national competition.

CONTRACTS

Third Brigade selected by New Jersey-based health care organization (Ottawa Business Journal, 03/22/07)

Host intrusion prevention systems maker Third Brigade has had its software selected by a New Jersey-based health care organization.

Allen-Vanguard gets additional \$3M order from Lockheed Martin(Ottawa Business Journal ,03/15/07)

Allen-Vanguard Corp. has received a \$3-million order for additional bomb-detection equipment from Lockheed Martin.

Pronexus signs distribution agreement in Japan (Ottawa Business Journal, 03/14/07)

Ottawa-based Pronexus Inc. has signed a distribution agreement with a leading computer telephony integration product distributor in Japan.

IDC gets second order from U.S.-based digital cinema provider (Ottawa Business Journal, 03/14/07)

International Datacasting Corp. has received an order for an additional 400 of its satellite receivers from a leading digital cinema service provider.

Airport honoured for service (The Ottawa Citizen, 03/13/07)

Ottawa International Airport has been recognized for outstanding customer service for the second year in a row, taking second place in the world for customer service among airports serving up to five million passengers a year in the Airports Council International's annual Service Quality Awards.

DIPIX wins US\$600,000 contract with Fortune 500 company (Ottawa Business Journal, 03/06/07)

DIPIX Technologies Inc. has won a US\$600,000 contract to supply its inspection systems to a Fortune 500 food production company.

DataJungle lands eight wins in U.K. through Northern Ireland-based partner (Ottawa Business Journal, 03/06/07)

DataJungle Software has landed eight wins for its Matrix product through its Northern Ireland-based partner Lagan. The Ottawa-based dashboarding software maker has had Matrix adopted by eight municipal government organizations in the United Kingdom, as the front-end application for Lagan's public-sector customer relationship management database.

Roaring Penguin wins university contract in Netherlands (Ottawa Business Journal, 03/05/07)

Ottawa-based Roaring Penguin Software has won a contract to provide its spam-fighting software to universities in the Netherlands.

EDUCATION

U of O gets \$19M in grants to put documents online (The Ottawa Citizen, 02/09/07)

The University of Ottawa has been awarded more than \$19 million in federal grants to build computer databases that would allow scholars from across the country to access more books, journals and research documents electronically.

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