

All figures quoted in \$ Cdn

EMPLOYMENT/TECHNOLOGY

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

National	6.1% (Mar 6.1%)
Provincial	6.6% (Mar 6.5%)
Local (3-month moving avg)	5.4% (Mar 5.5%)

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

April 2007	640,500
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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)

April 2007 (Unadjusted)	669
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Value of Building Permits (StatsCan)

Ottawa-Gatineau (ON/QC)	\$296.2 million
March 2007 (adjusted)	

Average Sale Price (Ottawa Real Estate Board)

April 2007	\$276,440
Units Sold in April 2007	1,554

**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: \$43.5

Recent Venture Capital Investments

Q1 2007

<u>Trigence</u> Corp	\$8.0 million
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Q2 2007

<u>Epocal</u>	\$35.5 million
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[Click here](#) for a detailed list of 2007 funding in the NCR.

AWARDS

OCRI honours March Networks as tech company of the year (Ottawa Business Journal, 04/05/07)
OCRI honoured the best and brightest in Ottawa's technology sector at its annual awards gala Thursday evening, singling out March Networks as Technology Company of the Year and Liquid Computing's Brian Hurley as Next Generation Executive of the Year. The awards recognize excellence in research, technology, entrepreneurship, partnership development, community leadership, business journalism and student accomplishment, 11 categories in all.

WBN honours top women entrepreneurs (Ottawa Business Journal, 04/04/07)

Julie Tubman has been honoured again as one of Ottawa's top business people, this time by the Women's Business Network. At a gala Wednesday evening at the Ottawa Congress Centre, she was honoured as the WBN's 2006 entrepreneur of the year as part of its Business Woman of the Year awards.

CONTRACTS

Sciometric to provide quality-monitoring systems to Bosch Rexrot (Ottawa Business Journal, 04/25/07)

Ottawa's Sciometric Instruments is partnering with German industrial giant Bosch Rexroth Corp. to power the latter's line of automotive assembly systems.

March Networks wins new contract with US retailer (Ottawa Business Journal, 04/23/07)

Digital video surveillance solutions provider March Networks has snagged a contract with one of the largest retailers in the United States to provide its services to 1,200 of the client's stores.

Allen-Vanguard buys U.K. firm for \$40M (Ottawa Business Journal, 04/20/07)

Local defence and security firm Allen-Vanguard Corp. has put its recent monetary gains to use to purchase U.K. firm Hazard Management Solutions Ltd. for \$40 million.

Tarquin Group to acquire DIPIX (Ottawa Business Journal, 04/13/07)

Ottawa-based diversified industrial technology company Tarquin Group Inc. has agreed to buy local manufactured food inspection systems maker DIPIX Technologies Inc.

Clearford wins \$250,000 contract with cottage property developer (Ottawa Business Journal, 04/13/07)

Ottawa-based Clearford Industries Inc. has signed a \$250,000 licence agreement to provide its environmentally friendly wastewater collection system to cottage property development company Touchstone on Lake Muskoka Inc.

Epocal scores \$31M U.S. in financing (Ottawa Citizen, 04/12/07)

Epocal Inc., a six-year-old health-care startup, plans to triple its Ottawa workforce after raising \$31 million U.S. to drive commercialization of its bedside diagnostic technology.

Recognia's trading analysis software picked by Belzberg Technolo (Ottawa Business Journal, 04/12/07)

Ottawa-based trading analysis software maker Recognia has had its product selected by Toronto trading technology firm Belzberg Technologies. Belzberg will be offering Recognia Interactive to its Canadian subscribers as part of its Belzberg QuoteViewer.

Triacta's smart metres selected for expanded Ottawa Airport terminal (Ottawa Business Journal,

04/03/07)

Almonte-based smart metre maker Triacta has been chosen to provide its technology to the Ottawa MacDonald-Cartier International Airport's latest passenger terminal expansion project. Triacta's smart metres aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by helping clients keep track of their energy consumption and bills.

Wi-LAN and March Networks enter into intellectual property partnership (Ottawa Business Journal, 04/03/07)

Intellectual property licensor Wi-LAN Inc. and digital surveillance products maker March Networks have entered into an intellectual property partnership.

EDUCATION

Carleton PhD student wins researcher of the year award (Ottawa Citizen, 04/12/07)

Peter Popplewell hasn't even finished writing his thesis proposal yet. But the research itself is finished and that research has won him an award. Last week, Mr. Popplewell, a doctoral student at Carleton University, won the Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation Student Researcher of the Year Award for his work on a tiny chip that could change the way stores and hospitals operate.

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