

All figures quoted in \$ Cdn

EMPLOYMENT/TECHNOLOGY

Unemployment Rates August 2009
(StatsCan) Monthly, Seasonally Adjusted

National	8.7% (July 8.6%)
Provincial	9.4% (July 9.3%)
Local (3-month moving avg)	5.4% (July 5.9%)

Overall Employment in Ottawa-Gatineau
(StatsCan)

August 2009	663.6
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High Tech Workers in Ottawa-Gatineau
(OCRI)

<u>January 2009 Disclosed</u>	79,132
January 2008 Disclosed	81,910

Local Employment Outlook
(Manpower Inc. Survey 4th Quarter 2009)

Plan to hire:	18%
Plan to layoff:	13%
No change:	67%
Not sure:	2%

HT Companies in Ottawa-Gatineau
(OCRI)

<u>January 2009 Disclosed</u>	1,850
January 2008 Disclosed	1,819

HOUSING/REAL ESTATE/CONSTRUCTION

Overall New Home Starts in Ottawa (CMHC)

August 2009 (Unadjusted)	422
August 2008 (Unadjusted)	639

Average Sale Price (Ottawa Real Estate Board)

August 2009	\$315,074
Units Sold in August 2009	1,216
August 2008	\$280,806
Units Sold in August 2008	1,181

Value of Building Permits (StatsCan)
Ottawa-Gatineau (ON/QC)
July 2009 (adjusted) \$192.2 million

Office Vacancy Rate (Cushman & Wakefield Lepage)
Q2 2009 6.5%

VENTURE CAPITAL/FUNDING

Venture Capital Investment (Revised, OCRI)

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: \$184.45M
2008: \$130.21M
2009: \$23.86M

Q1 2009

[OneChip Photonics](#)

\$23.86

[Click here](#) for a detailed list of 2009 funding in the NCR

AWARDS

Kinsley named OBJ's top CEO for 2009

(Ottawa Business Journal 14/09/09)

As president and CEO of CMHC, Karen Kinsley leads the country's largest Crown corporation featuring 2008 assets surpassing \$200 billion, revenues of \$11.9 billion and around 2,000 employees.

Infonium scores innovation honour

(Ottawa Business Journal 15/09/09)

Ottawa-based Infonium Inc. was named a Canadian Innovation Leader by the National Research Council of Canada on Monday, just a few months after CEO Jay Lawrence received an OBJ Forty Under 40 Award this past July.

CONTRACTS

PharmaGap reports progress in cancer drug testing

(Ottawa Citizen 14/08/09)

PharmaGap, a small Ottawa company developing a potential cancer treatment, said Thursday that a major U.S. cancer researcher will conduct more tests after the treatment showed initial success in slowing cancer growth in test-tube research.

IDC acquires satellite product lines for \$2M

(Ottawa Business Journal 18/08/09)

Satellite technology firm International Datacasting Corp. has bought a digital video and radio distribution product company for roughly \$2 million.

Intelcan wins third South American contract for 2009

(Ottawa Business Journal 20/08/09)

Intelcan has won a US\$3.5-million deal to upgrade the air navigation and communication systems at a South American airport, the company announced Thursday.

UPDATE: Vietnamese government orders 30 C-COM satellite systems

(Ottawa Business Journal 24/08/09)

C-COM Satellite Systems Inc.'s mobile satellite antenna systems have been chosen to support Vietnam's first foray into the satellite market, the company announced Monday.

OSI wins first Department of Homeland Security award

(Ottawa Business Journal 26/08/09)

Local navigation systems maker OSI Geospatial Inc. has won its first-ever deal with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Halogen software chosen by top L.A. hospital

(Ottawa Business Journal 26/08/09)

Halogen Software's eAppraisal human resources management software has been chosen by the Los Angeles-area Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center to manage the hospital's more than 3,200 employees.

AFORE solution chosen as main part of INX virtualization technology

(Ottawa Business Journal 27/08/09)

Local virtualization technology firm AFORE has teamed up with Houston's INX to add AFORE's wide area network-focused solutions to INX's cloud computing architecture, the companies announced Thursday.

March Networks provides security technology to Colombian bank

(Ottawa Business Journal 31/08/09)

March Networks Corp. has won another international deal for its digital surveillance technology, this time with Colombian financial institution Banco de Occidente S.A.

DragonWave technology supports first mobile WiMAX deployment in Costa Rica

(Ottawa Business Journal 01/09/09)

DragonWave Inc. has won a deal to help provide high-speed mobile Ethernet access to businesses in Costa Rica's capital, the Ottawa-based company announced Tuesday.

Local firms win \$8.68M worth of federal auditing contracts

(Ottawa Business Journal 01/09/09)

The largest was a \$4.34-million contract with Deloitte & Touche, followed by a \$2.6-million deal with LAC Ltd., the foreign subsidiary of Navigant Consulting. KPMG received a \$1.74-million contract, according to the award notices.

Aecon wins \$79M U of O construction contract

(Ottawa Business Journal 04/09/09)

Artist's rendition of the University of Ottawa's planned social sciences tower. (Image supplied) Work on a new 278,000-square-foot academic tower is expected to begin immediately after the University of Ottawa officially awarded the contract to the Aecon Group.

Espial chosen by Sweden's largest cable operator

(Ottawa Business Journal 08/09/09)

Espial Group Inc.'s Internet protocol-based television platform has been selected by Sweden's largest cable operator, the Ottawa firm announced Tuesday.

OneChip taps Sanmina-SCI to manufacture new optical chips

(Ottawa Business Journal 08/09/09)

OneChip Photonics – one of the only local companies to receive venture capital financing this year – has signed a partnership with major electronics manufacturing company Sanmina-SCI Corp. that will see production begin on OneChip's new optical components.

DataKinetics reaches out to Europe for first time

(Ottawa Business Journal 10/09/09)

Local software firm DataKinetics has added three European companies to its list of resellers in a bid to expand its business beyond North America's borders, the company announced Wednesday.

BTI seals fourth deal with Cogeco

(Ottawa Business Journal 10/09/09)

BTI Systems has been selected by Cogeco Cable to build out its network in Quebec's Gaspé region, the company announced Thursday.

Ericsson to hire roughly 680 former Nortel staff in Ottawa

(Ottawa Business Journal 10/09/09)

Approximately 680 former Nortel employees in Ottawa have been offered jobs by Ericsson, following its US\$1.13-billion purchase of the fallen telecom giant's wireless division.

EION provides equipment to Building Technologies

(Ottawa Business Journal 10/09/09)

Ottawa-based EION Inc.'s wireless broadband division has won a deal with a local provider of high-speed Internet, Internet protocol-based telephone and web-based television services to apartment buildings.

Ottawa startup receives nearly \$4M for green technology

(Ottawa Business Journal 11/09/09)

A project led by local startup Thermal Frost is getting close to \$4 million from Sustainable Development Technology Canada for commercial demonstrations of its cooling technology on fishing vessels.

DEW to manufacture Canadian military weapon systems for BAE

(Ottawa Business Journal 11/09/09)

DEW Engineering Development ULC has announced plans to collaborate with the Swedish arm of defence technology giant BAE Systems to produce the latter's remote weapons systems for the Canadian forces.

Bridgewater stock shoots up 3% on news of add-on \$18.8M Verizon orders

(Ottawa Business Journal 11/09/09)

Bridgewater Systems saw its stock rise by more than three per cent following its announcement that Verizon Wireless has made fresh orders for its integrated WideSpan system.

EDUCATION

Local company duo puts \$350,000 security upgrade on Carleton campus

(Ottawa Business Journal 28/08/09)

A joint security venture by Mitel and fellow local firm Benbria will send out instant electronic alerts to Carleton University students should an emergency happen on campus.

Close to \$1 million raised for Lead to Win startups: founder

(Ottawa Business Journal 11/09/09)

The city-funded and Carleton University-supported Lead to Win program - meant to mentor startups and generate jobs and investment for the cash-strapped tech sector - has already brought in eight jobs and \$920,000 in just two months of operation for the startups.

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