

# YOUR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PARTNER

Ontario is where bold ideas come to life, tackling some of the biggest challenges the world has ever seen. Businesses in Ontario's information technology sector thrive because they work within a robust digital infrastructure and an innovative and open culture, with a diverse, tech-skilled workforce and a government that supports technology developments.

Home to three of North America's top five most concentrated tech markets, the regions of Ottawa, Toronto and Waterloo held first, third and fourth. Ontario is where industry giants like Nokia, Google, IBM and Amazon invest in major R&D operations.

With a record of accomplishments that includes the BlackBerry, the world's first Geographical Information System (GIS) software, IMAX film technology, ground-breaking two-way wireless technology and breakthroughs in 3D animation, Ontario has an impressive history of invention and innovation in information.

## ONTARIO'S IT SECTORS BY THE NUMBERS

**86,000+**

STEM GRADUATES ANNUALLY

APPROXIMATELY **70%**  
OF CANADA'S ICT SECTOR R&D  
SPENDING

**\$63.1B**

GDP

**434,000+**

WORKERS

**\$10.3B**

IN EXPORTS  
ANNUALLY

**22,500+**

FIRMS

## WHERE ONTARIO LEADS IN ICT:

- Artificial intelligence
- Cleantech
- Cloud computing
- Cybersecurity
- Telecom and 5G
- E-commerce
- Fintech
- Interactive digital media, AR & VR
- Internet of Things
- Microelectronics
- Quantum computing
- Smart cities
- Software as a service

# LEADERS IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Ontario is home to over 1,600+ AI organizations at the forefront of next-generation technologies, including the Vector Institute—an independent, not-for-profit excelling in machine and deep learning. Guided by globally recognized experts, Vector works with institutions, industry, startups, incubators and accelerators to push the boundaries of machine learning and deep data analysis. These initiatives drive innovation in Ontario, from research to real-world application and commercialization, positioning it as a strategic gateway to high-growth opportunities in transformative technologies.

## THE TOP 5 REASONS TO CHOOSE ONTARIO

### 1. TALENT

74% of working adults possess a post-secondary education



### 2. INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM

Business, academia and government work together to drive bold ideas to market

### 3. COMPETITIVE COSTS

Some of the lowest corporate taxes in North America

Save up to 50% on after-tax R&D expenditures

Source high quality products and services that are extremely cost-competitive



### 4. ACCESS TO GLOBAL MARKETS

A short distance to U.S. hubs

15 free trade agreements with 51 countries

### 5. DIVERSITY

People from 150 countries

Over 200 languages spoken



We wanted to take our jobs to where the talent is.”

**Chandrashekar Lsp**

Managing Director in Canada  
for Zoho

## WHO'S HERE

- Amazon
- AMD
- Celestica
- Ericsson
- Google
- IBM
- Microsoft
- Nokia
- NVIDIA
- Qualcomm
- OpenText
- Oracle
- SAP
- Shopify
- TSMC

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