



Nova Scotia's Diverse and Thriving ICT Community

Strategically located on Canada's Atlantic coast, Nova Scotia is a location of choice for international and homegrown information and communications technology (ICT) firms. Nova Scotia's ICT sector is anchored by industry giants like CGI, IBM, Research In Motion, Keane, and Xerox, with evolving clusters in defence and aerospace, eHealth, digital animation, and privacy and security.

Underpinning the success of the ICT sector in Nova Scotia is a support system of world-class telecommunications infrastructure anchored by Hibernia Atlantic direct trans-Atlantic fibre route providing rapid and secure data transmission from Halifax to the eastern US, Ireland and the United Kingdom.

Nova Scotia's state-of-the-art private and university research and development

facilities and self-generating power grid also support the strength and growth of the industry.

The real secret to the success of the ICT industry in Nova Scotia, however, lies in the rich talent pool in the province.

Nova Scotia boasts the highest number of universities per capita and the highest participation rates in post-secondary education in Canada. Dalhousie University in Halifax has one of the largest graduate faculties in Computer Science in the country. Through collaboration between industry, government, universities, and the strong community college system in the province, Nova Scotia is creating unique programs that are incubating the future ICT workforce in the province.

Fast Facts

- » The university and community college system in Nova Scotia graduates more than 15,000 students each year.
- » Keane's Halifax ADC was recognized as the first Canadian IT services facility to be awarded Level 5 accreditation based on the Software Engineering Institute's Capability Maturity Model, a globally recognized standard for evaluating and improving software processes.
- » xwave, of Halifax, was awarded the contract to design and provide long-term support for the integrated information environment for Canada's Maritime Helicopter Project. This 20-year contract is valued at approximately \$200 million.
- » "The Province of Nova Scotia has become a leader in public administration by implementing SAP across government departments, resulting in significant cost savings and program efficiencies." Gartner, Inc., March 2006.
- » The Telecom Applications Research Alliance, located in Halifax, has 40,000 square feet of office and lab space, including an Internetworking lab containing an extensive complement of Cisco products.



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