As a Canadian leader in environmental technologies, Guelph continues to advance the economic and innovation potential of this sector.

**Key sectoral data**

- Cluster subsectors that align with Guelph’s infrastructure, talent pool and research strengths:
  - Soil remediation
  - Water and waste water management
  - Chemical/brownfield remediation
  - Renewable energy technologies
  - Clean air/ emissions reductions
  - Environmental engineering
  - Technical and testing expertise

- Guelph is soon to be home to Alectra’s new Green Energy & Technology (GRE&T) Centre, that will drive green technology innovations and solutions. The GRE&T Centre will catalyze the commercialization and mass consumer adoption of green technology, serving as a bridge between the research and development phase and the full commercialization of these technology solutions.

- Almost 500 employers and entrepreneurs in this sector

- Over 3,100 Guelph residents are employed in this sector

- More than 7.3% employment growth in this sector since 2011
Testimonials

Leading Cleantech Companies

- Biorem
- RWDI
- Canadian Solar
- Current Water Technologies
- SiREM
- ProMinent
- SUEZ Water Technologies & Solutions
- Maxxam Analytics
- Novus Environmental

“We were recently looking to expand into a new location. The service, support and encouragement provided by the City’s Economic Development team was integral to our decision to stay in Guelph. We’re excited to continue our relationship with Guelph and to participate in the growth of the vibrant local Cleantech sector.”

Mark Vanderheyden, General Manager, Americas, RWDI

“The Economic Development folks were extremely helpful in our effort to relocate our business in Guelph, and are always willing to help us promote our business to segments outside Guelph as part of the Grow Guelph initiative.”

Garth deBruyn, Managing Director, ProMinent

“BIOREM operates in 23 countries and has worked with many different jurisdictions and Economic Development departments. Working with the Guelph team has been by far the most productive and efficient use of our time. They’ve worked closely with us to truly understand our needs and to best position us locally, provincially and federally to achieve our strategic vision. I highly recommend Guelph if you are considering a Cleantech expansion.”

Derek Webb, President and CEO, BIOREM
About Guelph

2nd fastest growing mid-size city in Canada
Source: Conference Board of Canada, 2018

3rd best millennial hot spot in Canada
Source: Point2 homes, 2018

4th best city to buy real estate in Canada
Source: MoneySense Magazine, 2018

Top 6 best places for newcomers in Canada
Source: MoneySense Magazine, 2017

Top 10 in Americas for foreign direct investment
Source: fDi Intelligence, 2017

Centre of Canada’s Innovation Corridor

All within 90 minutes

- Five international airports
  Toronto (2), Waterloo, Hamilton, London

- Two shipping ports
  Toronto and Hamilton

- Guelph Junction Railway
  offers access to CN and CPR, competitive rates and reliable daily service

12,588 employers and entrepreneurs in the City of Guelph
Source: Canadian Business Counts, December 2017

University of Guelph
3,500 annual graduates

Conestoga College
5,000+ annual graduates

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Your success is our success!

Growing and resilient economy
Guelph has one of Canada’s lowest unemployment rates, strongest housing markets, most innovative municipal governments and competitive tax rates—all contributing to a strong, reliable and sustainable local economy.

Prime location
Guelph is close to everything, and it feels like you’re away from it all. You’ll have easy access to international airports, major highways and reliable rail. Toronto, Canada’s largest city, is just an hour down the highway, and we’re a short drive to the U.S. borders. From Guelph, you will have access to over 150 million North American consumers within one day’s drive. Not to mention our spectacular natural green spaces that stretch for days.

Envious talent pool
We’re home to a prominent University and College with more than a dozen top post-secondary institutions in surrounding communities. Employment skews professional, technical, agri-food and advanced technology. In all, a workforce of more than three million people lives within an hour’s commute.

We work closely with you to help you “get to yes” and make your plans a reality.
We provide you with user guides, user-friendly web pages and checklists to make your journey clear.
We build the team you need and help you every step of the way.
We’re listening to business needs and continually improving how we do business.

Competitive cost of doing business
Guelph offers top-notch professional services and amenities without a big city cost of living. Guelph has one of the lowest land and development costs in the Greater Toronto area. You’ll enjoy lower-than-average labour and business costs, and Ontario offers the lowest overall tax rate on new business investment amongst all members of the G7.

Entrepreneurial spirit
More than $14 billion is spent on research and development each year in Ontario, and Guelph is a hotspot for discovery and innovation. Guelph is home to some of the world’s most innovative companies, has more than 40 research institutes, and a spirit of collaboration to help bring your ideas to life.