Guelph’s Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector has long played an important role in designing and building the infrastructure and services that drive the **evolution and growth of Canada’s knowledge-based economy**.

It’s one of Guelph’s fastest growing sectors, based in part on a strong talent pool and advantageous placement within Canada’s Innovation Corridor.

**Key sectoral data**

- Centrally located along Canada’s Innovation Corridor, local firms benefit from proximity to key customers, talent, investors, research and development, incubators and academic institutions.

- Since 2011, ICT employment growth in the Guelph region has been greater than traditional tech centres such as Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver and Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo.

- The Guelph region is home to the highest concentration of embedded developers, data scientists and machine learning specialists in Canada.

- Industry subsectors:
  - Computer systems design and related services
  - Computer and communications equipment
  - Software publishers
  - Data processing, hosting, and related services
Testimonials

Leading ICT companies

- Cadsoft
- Compusense
- Connect Tech Inc.
- HLB Systems Solutions
- Inbox Marketer
- Innosphere
- Ositech Communications
- RKD
- Sandbox Software Solutions
- SpeakFeel
- Synnex Canada
- Texada Software

“The City of Guelph has their finger on the pulse of local economic landscape. When we needed answers and a point of view, city officials (and the mayor) responded immediately. Their answers led to our company committing over $6 million to Downtown Guelph!”

Geoff Linton, CEO, Inbox Marketer

“The Economic Development team is very keen on understanding progressive technologies. They welcomed the SpeakFeel team with enthusiasm when we presented an option for them to learn about Blockchain and Open Data. It is encouraging to have the City’s support with these initiatives.”

Kelly Brooks, President, SpeakFeel

“Guelph’s Economic Development team has been easy to engage, eager to help, and played a significant role in helping RKD build our team of skilled software developers.”

Thom Ellsom, Partner and Director of Web Services, RKD
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

Our vibrant downtown
attracts entrepreneurs, innovators, developers and new residents, and is exceeding growth targets
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.

Enviable 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.