

WATERTECH IN ONTARIO: WHERE INNOVATION FLOWS

Ontario dives deep when it comes to water technology.

Our province has plenty of fresh water – over 250,000 lakes, 100,000 kilometres of rivers, and our Great Lakes contain 20% of the world’s fresh water supply. With that abundance, our province has developed vital technology to address water needs, making us a world leader in innovation.

Ontario water companies have made clean water a reality in some of the world’s toughest industrial and urban environments. Many of the biggest breakthroughs have come from here. In fact, two of the most widely used technologies – UV disinfection and membrane filtration – were developed in Ontario.

ONTARIO’S WATER INDUSTRY BY THE NUMBERS

900
companies

22,000
employees

3,440
publicly owned storm
water management
facilities

690
public treatment
plants

Canada has the
8th
largest water market
with growth of 6.3% per
year (2016-20)

79%
of water and wastewater
technology companies
export around the world

More than
100
water-focused research
institutes, universities
and colleges

ONTARIO EXPERTISE AND LEADERSHIP IN:

- Ultraviolet disinfection
- Membrane technology filtration
- Hydrogeology
- Leak detection/repair
- Engineering, quality analysis and construction
- Watershed management consulting
- SMART monitoring sensor systems
- Storm water technologies
- Drinking water and wastewater
- Remote and rugged water treatment

WORLD-CLASS WATER TECHNOLOGY

Ontario water companies are part of a world-class water technology ecosystem which includes the 50-year-old International Institute for Sustainable Development Experimental Lakes Area (IISD-ELA) — one of the only places in the world to conduct experiments on whole ecosystems. Additionally, the Ontario Water Consortium provides real world testing sites for water technologies and facilitates partnerships between academic expertise and companies.

THE TOP 5 REASONS TO CHOOSE ONTARIO

1. TALENT

Ontario's number one advantage is its people. Some of the best and brightest minds choose to call Ontario their home. In fact, 69% of adults possess a post-secondary education – a rate higher than any OECD country. And with our welcoming approach to immigration, including numerous support programs, companies can recruit highly skilled international talent quickly and predictably.



2. INNOVATION AND RECOGNIZED QUALITY

Ontario has one of the most unique and collaborative innovation ecosystems on the planet where business, academia and government work together to drive revolutionary ideas to market.



3. COMPETITIVE COSTS

Ontario has some of the lowest corporate tax rates in North America where small and medium-sized manufacturers can also save up to 50% on their after-tax R&D expenditures. Global customers can source high quality products that are extremely cost competitive.



4. ACCESS TO GLOBAL MARKETS

Open for business to the entire world, Ontario has free trade agreements with 50 countries and is only a short distance from major U.S. hubs.



5. DIVERSITY

Ontario has welcomed people from over 150 countries and over 200 languages are spoken here. Ontario also has a highly diversified economy with a wide array of industry sectors.



Ontario is what one would call 'the Silicon Valley' of water technology; there is no better place to be."

Mike Myers,
President,
ASLAN Technologies

WHO'S HERE

- Aclarus
- Aslan Technologies
- Bishop Water
- EMAGIN
- Jacobs
- Suez Water Technologies and Solutions
- Trojan Technologies
- Veolia Water Technologies
- Watrhub
- XPV Water Partners

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