

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

Located in Western Canada, the Province of Saskatchewan is home to a diverse ICT sector, including capabilities in:

- Fibre optic and wireless telecommunications and instrumentation
- Satellite control, test, monitoring and communications
- Digital communications, automation and robotics
- Software & Digital new media development including web hosting and design
- Data storage and backup data centres
- E-Business Portals and E-Health
- Synchrotron R&D & micro-electro-mechanical (MEMS)/nanotechnology manufacturing
- OEM manufacturers to Cisco, IBM, Boeing, General Dynamics and European Space Agency
- Electronic design automation (EDA)

Our Competitive Edge

- Lowest-cost jurisdiction in Canada for R&D – Saskatchewan offers refundable research and development tax credits that can be used to offset taxable income.
- Ongoing R&D and engineering capabilities can be found at Saskatchewan's two universities, the University of Saskatchewan (U of S) and University of Regina (U of R). The U of S is the first university in Canada to offer courses in application development for Apple Inc.'s iPhone Smartphone mobile device. The U of R launched Canada's first accredited Software Engineering program.
- Employee training opportunities for the ICT sector through the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST) and Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT), Canada's largest First Nations-owned technical training institute.
- TRILabs, located in both Saskatoon and Regina, is Canada's largest ICT R&D consortium. From the seeds of ideas to applied research to technology development support, TRILabs' engagement in all aspects of the innovation process delivers sector-leading commercialization rates, in-demand people resources, and maximized ROI for its industry, university and government members. As a result, the not-for-profit organization is one of the most industry-invested R&D vehicles in Canada.
- Innovation Place has two of the most successful university-related research parks in North America. Located in Saskatoon and Regina, the parks are adjacent to the local universities, and build on each institution's strengths in agriculture, engineering, information technology, and environmental and life sciences.



- SaskTel is a provincially owned telecommunications provider and leader in wireless telecommunications. With SaskTel's infrastructure, Saskatchewan is the most wired province in Canada.
- Petroleum Technology Research Centre (PTRC) in Regina develops world-leading enhanced oil recovery and CO₂ storage technologies.
- Cutting-edge research capabilities at the Canadian Light Source Synchrotron in Saskatoon, including research and fabrication opportunities with the synchrotron's micro-electro-mechanical (MEMS) beamline.
- Central North American location and excellent transportation links.
- Strong telecommunications infrastructure and supply chain support for ICT companies.

The Bottom Line

- 100% of eligible R&D expenses can be used against net income for the purpose of calculating federal tax credits
- 15% refundable provincial tax credit for scientific research and development expenditures
- The Corporate Capital Tax (CCT) for businesses in Saskatchewan has been eliminated
- The Corporate Income Tax (CIT) rate for manufacturers located in Saskatchewan can be as low as 10% through our manufacturing and processing profits tax reduction
- The 5% Investment Tax Credit (ITC) for manufacturing and processing is now a refundable tax credit

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