

Auto Parts

*“ . . . Location and access count.
Good people have to be there.
Property needs to be available. And,
of course, R&D support and sector
growth are important . . . ”*

When you think about an ideal auto parts manufacturing location, think Ontario East. We're ready for your business.

Location and Transportation

Ontario East is home to a network of 40 manufacturers and 20 ICT companies that support the auto parts sector, plus well developed metal fabrication and plastics manufacturing industries.

Thanks to our superb road, rail, seaway and air transport routes, we support just-in-time delivery to auto plants located from Oshawa to Windsor, and in the United States. Two in three North American auto assemblers are within 10-hour drives.



Location is everything. Our road, air and sea routes support just-in-time delivery to auto plants across Ontario and, through our three efficient road border crossings, into the Northern United States.



Available are serviced land with highway access at an average price of \$30,000 an acre and buildings measuring up to 300,000 sq. ft.

Our three efficient road border crossings include Canada's fifth busiest crossing, the Lansdowne/Alexandria (Thousand Islands Bridge). This offers short delivery times through Interstate 81 to assembly plants in the U.S. East and Southeast.

The Workforce

Ontario East offers a highly productive—and skilled—workforce. More than 42% of Ontario auto manufacturing employees have completed post-secondary education.

Some of our auto workers attend the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT), in Oshawa, to take advantage of a degree program in Automotive Engineering. But there are alternatives. Ontario is expanding its extensive co-op and apprenticeship programs in high-demand areas by 26,000 positions each year.

To our strong work ethic and loyalty, we add low turnover—and offer labour costs as low as any in the automotive belt.

Available Property

Ontario East offers serviced land with access to four- and six-lane freeways at an average price of \$30,000 an acre. Land assemblies greater than 400 acres are ready. Also available are industrial buildings from 20,000 sq. ft. to 300,000 sq. ft.

Research & Development

Automotive engineering innovation—these words sum up the new Automotive Centre of Excellence that Ontario is setting up at UOIT. Companies and universities across Ontario East are a part of AUTO21, whose research projects are designed to influence the development of the vehicle of the 21st century and to help position Canada as a leader in automotive R&D.

Ontario has provided \$500 million to support research, commercialization and cluster research—in addition to its generous tax credits, with the

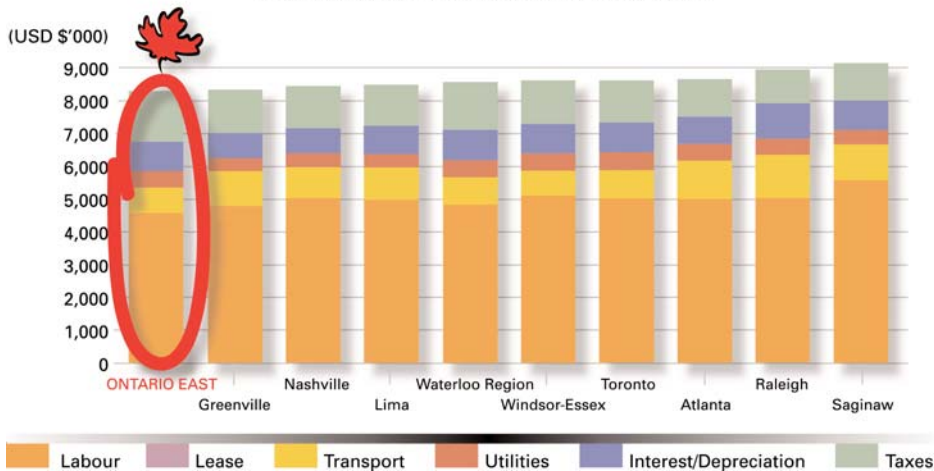


A network of 40 manufacturers and 20 ICT companies, as well as metal fabrication and plastics manufacturing industries speak to the success of our auto industry.

federal government, for R&D investment. It's \$500-million Automotive Investment Strategy supports investment in innovative technologies, skills training and public infrastructure.

The recent KPMG Competitive Alternatives study, highlights the ONTARIO EAST cost advantage over other locations

COMPETITIVE ALTERNATIVES.COM
Industry: Automotive; Operation: Auto Parts
10-Year Average Annual Total Location-Sensitive Costs



Source: KPMG Competitive Alternatives.com, 2006

A Growing Sector

Our auto sector is growing. In the spring of 2005, Ontario surpassed Michigan as the leading auto manufacturing jurisdiction. In 2004, Ontario produced 2.633 million vehicles—a 7% increase over the number produced in 2003.

Toyota Canada, Ford, Honda and GM have announced they will make significant new investments in Ontario over the next few years. GM's \$1.2 billion plans include nearly \$100 million into Oshawa Plant 2.


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