

Plastics

*“ . . . Good people have to be there.
Tax credits would help.
Location counts. So does access.
And, of course, business costs
need to be reasonable . . . ”*

When you think about a location for your plastics operation, think Ontario East. We're ready for your business.

The Workforce

Ontario East offers a highly motivated workforce. The work ethic here is strong—and so is our sense of loyalty. They help keep productivity high and turnover low.

Skill and educational support for our workforce



Our highly productive, skilled workforce features low turnover and labour costs. It is supported by eight post-secondary schools with plastics programs that confer engineering degrees or diplomas.



Lower combined corporate income taxes than those of the United States, substantial tax credits and incentives for acquiring new technology make Ontario East a prime region in which to locate a plastics operation.

comes from eight Ontario East post-secondary schools offering specially designed plastics and plastics-related programs in mechanical, chemical and industrial engineering at degree and diploma levels.

Lower Taxes

Ontario East's combined corporate income tax rate for manufacturers, 36.5%, is lower than the U.S. average, which is 39.5%—and Canadian and Ontario R&D tax credits are among the most generous in the world. They cut the after-tax cost of \$100 of R&D expenditures to about \$42. At the same time, Ontario's New Technology Tax Incentive offers a 100% deduction on the eligible cost of acquiring new technology.

Market Access and Transportation

From Ontario East you have overnight surface delivery to 62% of Canadians, including those in three of Canada's four largest markets—and we can offer a low-cost, stable environment for service to Québec and the Maritimes.

Ontario East has 607 kilometres (380 miles) of four- and six-lane, limited access freeways, including Highway 401, the backbone of the Québec City to Windsor/Detroit Corridor. In the NAFTA Rail Corridor, we have rail links through CN, Canadian Pacific Railway and many short-line railroads. In or adjacent to our region are three international cargo airports and three ports that handle ocean-going vessels.

Our three efficient road border crossings include Canada's fifth busiest crossing, the Lansdowne/Alexandria (Thousand Islands Bridge), which connects with Interstate 81. This is just one of a number of routes you can use to bring your products to Boston, New York City, Richmond, Pittsburgh, Columbus and Fort Wayne are within five to 10 hours driving.

Cost Competitiveness

Ontario East features:

- One of the lowest overall operating costs of any G8 country, lower than major nearby cities
- Universal healthcare coverage, at one-sixth the price paid by U.S. employers
- Fully serviced, vacant industrial properties of up to 400 acres at competitive prices

Source:

KPMG Competitive Alternatives.com, 2006

In Good Company

Join our plastics companies: 3M, BASF, DuPont, Exxon Mobil, GE Plastics, GlobalMed, Horizon Plastics, Invista, Nordenia, Valspar and others.



Ontario east offers lower overall operating costs and fully serviced, competitively priced industrial properties of up to 400 acres.

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

COMPETITIVE ALTERNATIVES.COM
Industry: Plastics; Operation: Plastic Products
10-Year Average Annual Labour Costs



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