

Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure

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AGENDA

- 1) Support Structure
- 2) Roles and Coverage
- 3) Programs: Key Support Areas



SUPPORT STRUCTURE



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ROLES AND COVERAGE



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- 1) Small Business Enterprise Centres (SBECs)
- 2) Regional Innovation Centres (RICs)
- 3) Business Advisory Services (BAS)



Small Business Enterprise Centres (SBECs)

Business focus: Entrepreneurs and existing small businesses with < 10 employees

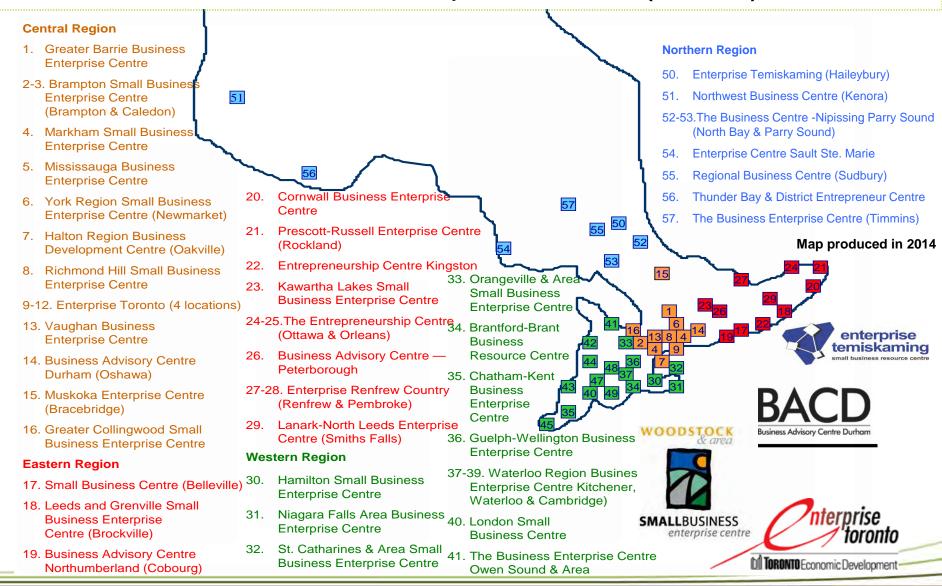
Goals: Provide access to information and expertise to help companies start or grow a business

Examples of services provided:

- ✓ consultations and review of business plans with a qualified business consultant
- ✓ internet and computer access for business research and planning
- ✓ access to directories, trade indexes and books
- ✓ workshops and seminars
- ✓ guidance on licenses, permits, registration, regulations and other documents.
- ✓ import and export information
- ✓ information on patents, copyright and trademarks



Small Business Enterprise Centres (SBECs)





Regional Innovation Centres (RICs)

Business focus: Innovative and technology based firms

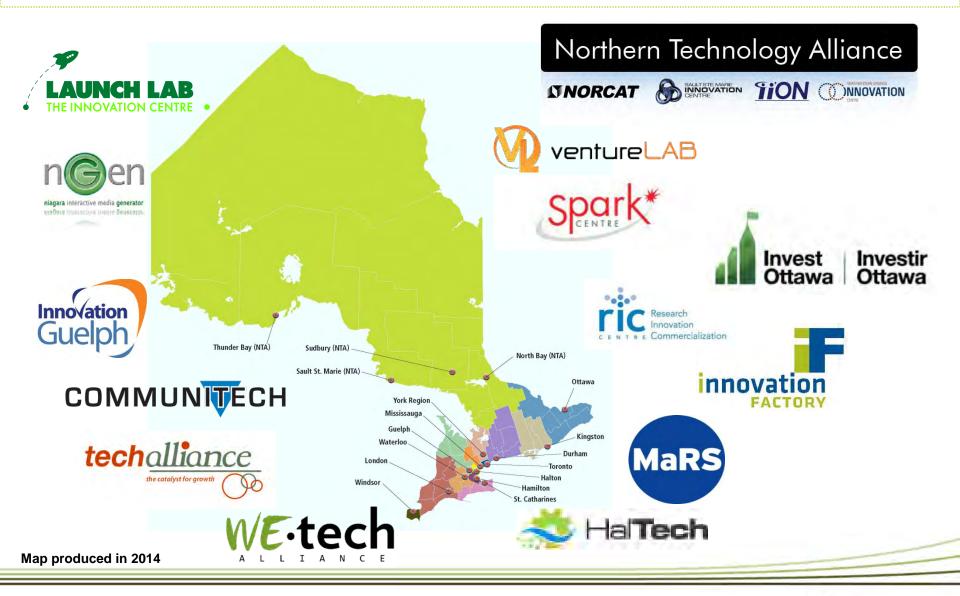
Goals: Deliver innovation and commercialization programs and services. Unite business and community leaders to champion the development of regional innovation ecosystems

Examples of services provided:

- ✓ entrepreneurial training
- ✓ access to market intelligence
- ✓ helping clients to become "investment ready"
- ✓ advice and mentorship (typically from serial entrepreneurs)
- ✓ access to capital



Regional Innovation Centres (RICs)





Business Advisory Services (BAS)

Business focus: Existing and aspiring high growth SMEs that produce tradable goods or services. Predominantly companies with 10 – 500 employees

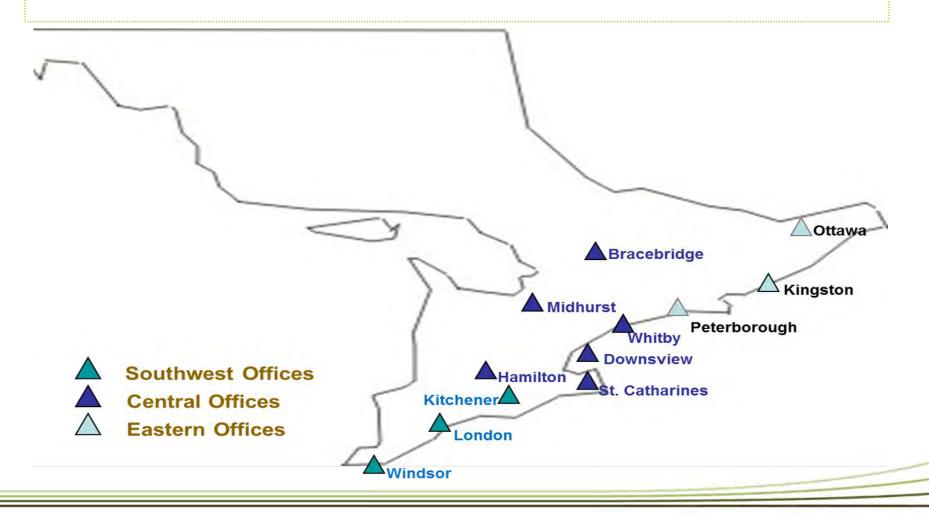
Goals: Work in an advisory capacity with company executives to help them grow their businesses

Examples of services provided:

- ✓ access to government programs and events
- ✓ market intelligence
- ✓ market development support, including help with exporting
- ✓ financial analysis and other benchmarking tools / access to financial assistance
- ✓ support for innovation and new technology
- ✓ networking and expert advice
- ✓ information on government regulations, licences and permits for business



Business Advisory Services





PROGRAMS: KEY SUPPORT AREAS



Key Support Areas

- 1) Exporting
- 2) Manufacturing (product, services, research & development)
- 3) Employees (job creation, employee development)



Some Program Examples

- Employment Services (job creation)
- Canada Ontario Job Grant COJG (employee development)
- Export Market Access (exports and manufacturing)
- SMART (exports, advanced manufacturing and job creation)
- SWODF and EODF (manufacturing and job creation)
- SR&ED (manufacturing innovation)



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