CLUSTERS, INTERNATIONAL TRADE, AND GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS



The Canadian Perspective





@CanCGMPLS



/CanCGMPLS

Mapping the Midwest's Future: Regional Innovation Clusters & Competitiveness

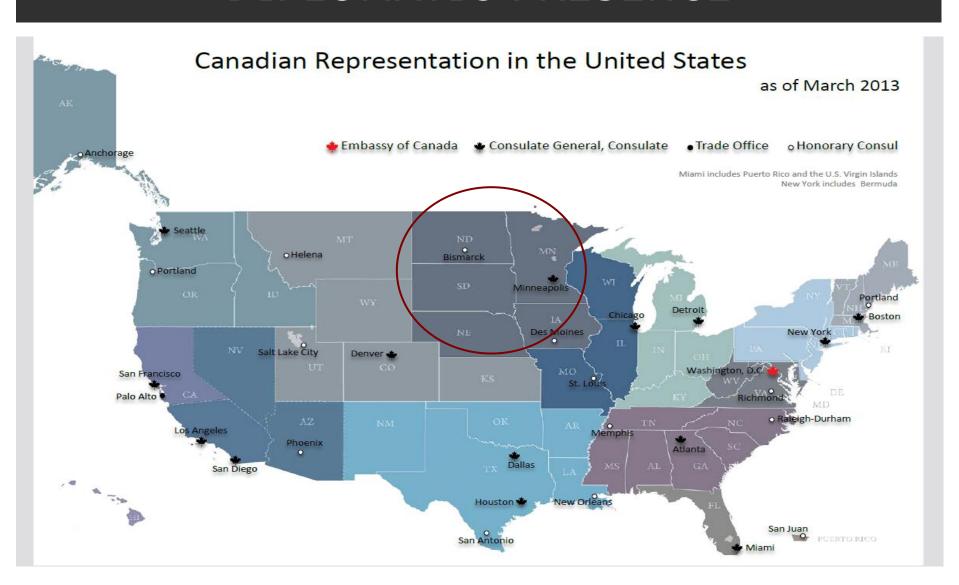
September 30, 2014

Jamshed Merchant Consulate General of Canada

@Jamshed_MPLS



CANADA'S U.S. DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE





Source: World Bank

CANADA AT A GLANCE

Key Statistics		
	Rank	
Population	35.2m	36
GDP (PPP)	\$1.8t	11
GDP per capita	\$52,000	11
GDP Growth Rate	2.0%	117
Life Expectancy	81	14
Urbanization	81%	47





Top exports:	
Crude Oil & Bitumen	\$81.0B
Motor Vehicles & Parts	\$68.1B
Consumer Goods	\$52.1B
Intermediate Metal Products	\$43.1B
Chemical Products	\$34 . 9B
Forestry Products	\$33.7B
Industrial Machinery	\$26.8B
Farm & Fishing Products	\$22.1B
Metal Ores & Minerals	\$17.9B
Aircraft Equipment & Parts	\$17.4B
2013; Source: StatsCanada	3



ENHANCING REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT: CANADIAN VIEWS ON "CLUSTERS"

Clusters contain:

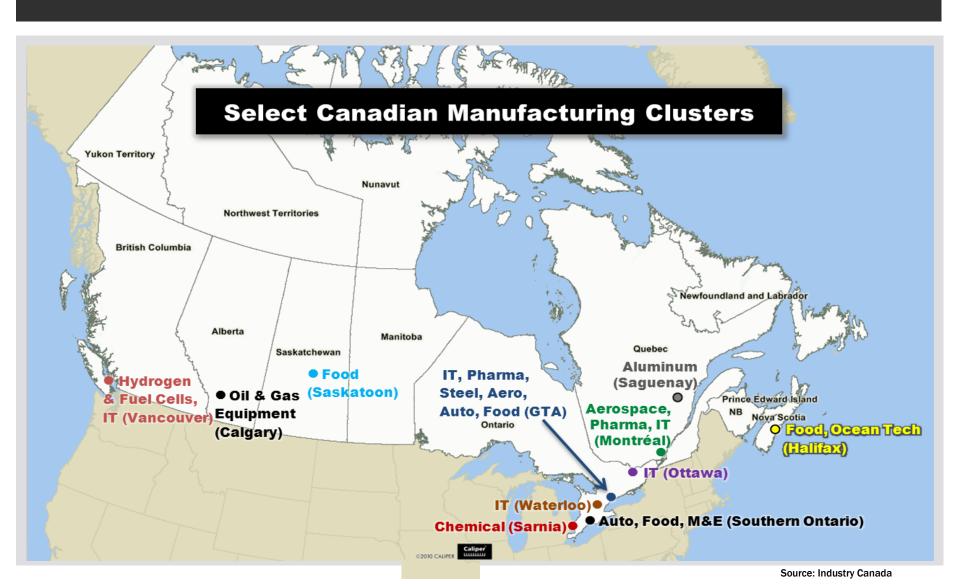
- an industrial base, made up of anchor firms, suppliers and/or related businesses;
- supporting infrastructure; and
- An innovation ecosystem, in which research institutes and academia collaborate with industry on R&D, supply the critical mass of skilled workers and incubators and accelerators to support firm creation

Firms in clusters perform better. Clusters:

- ...make firms within generally more productive and innovative;
- …increase supply and access to skilled workers;
- ...attract foreign investment; and,
- ...help firms access global markets and enter global value chains

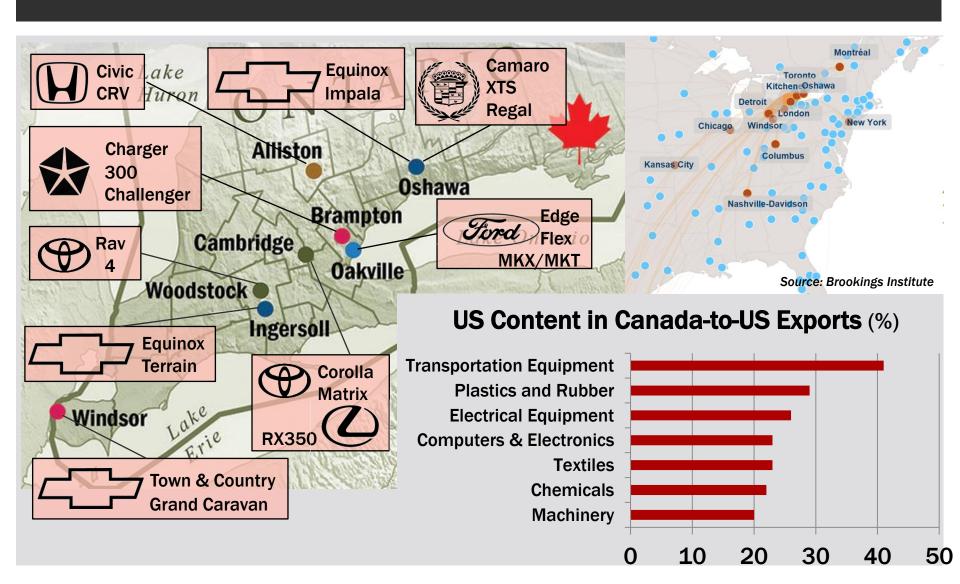


WHERE ARE CANADA'S CLUSTERS?



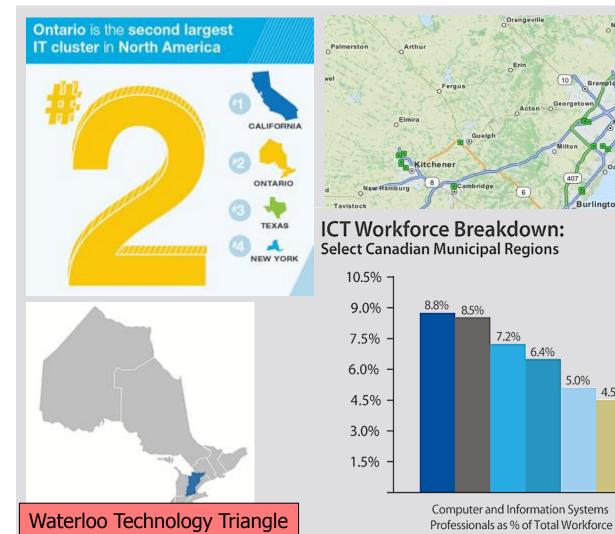


AUTOMOTIVE





ICT





oronto

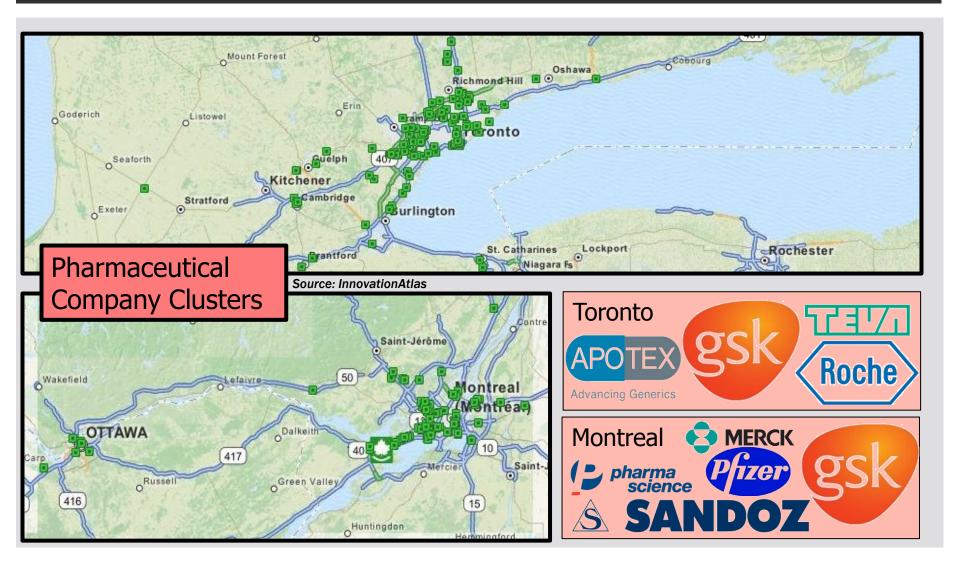
% of workers with degree in Math,

Computers or Information Sciences

7



PHARMACEUTICALS





AEROSPACE









Pratt & Whitney Canada

Une société de United Technologies / A United Technologies Company



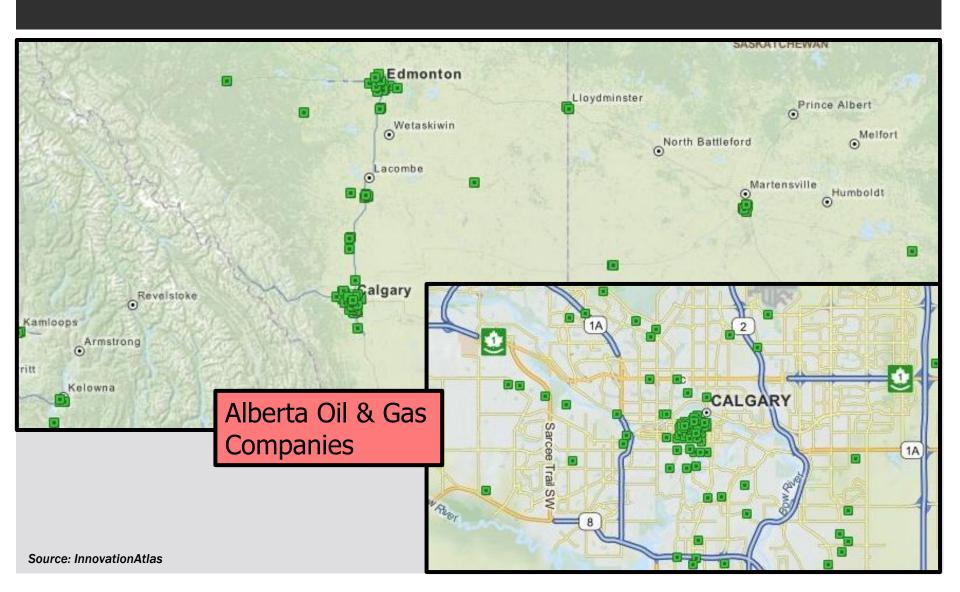


AGRI-FOOD





OIL & GAS



THANK YOU

Jamshed Merchant, Consul General

jamshed.merchant@international.gc.ca



@Jamshed_MPLS

Mapping the Midwest's Future: Regional Innovation Clusters & Competitiveness

September 30, 2014



@CanCGMPLS



/CanCGMPLS

