

Supporting Innovation And Creating Jobs In The Sudbury Region

McGuinty Government Helps Local Entrepreneurs Bring Ideas To Life

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Sudbury's [Northern Centre For Advanced Technology Inc. \(NORCAT\)](#) is now part of the [Ontario Network of Excellence \(ONE\)](#).

ONE consists of 14 regional innovation centres across Ontario. These centres help local entrepreneurs bring innovative ideas to the marketplace, such as new ways to treat disease, cleaner ways to produce power and next-generation digital entertainment.

The centres give entrepreneurs access to a broad range of experts, including researchers, academics, businesses, government and investors, who can help sell an idea and grow a business worldwide.

Supporting made-in-Ontario technologies is part of [Ontario's strategy](#) to make innovation a driving force of Ontario's economy, and supports the [Open Ontario Plan](#) to build new opportunities for economic growth and jobs.

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"The strength of Ontario's creative environment, diverse culture, highly skilled workforce, world-class education system, internationally recognized research community and proven entrepreneurs is second to none. ONE links these talents together across the province to ensure all great ideas have the opportunity to flourish — creating jobs and improving our lives now and in the future."

— [Glen Murray](#), Minister of Research and Innovation

"Our goal is to help build a society powered by the enterprise and spirit of the citizens of Sudbury. The inventors, researchers and business people who live and work here can further capitalise on their talents by collaborating across the province to build companies which can compete in the global marketplace and bring jobs and wealth to our great city."

— [Rick Bartolucci](#), MPP for Sudbury

"ONE links research and business know-how across every Ontario community, so anyone, anywhere can get the help they need to turn great ideas into commercial enterprises. We're proud to be working with colleagues across the north to help foster innovation in our own backyard, and create the jobs of tomorrow."

— Darryl Lake, Chief Executive Officer, NORCAT

QUICK FACTS

- In 2008-2009, Ontario's local innovation centres helped our province's technology-based entrepreneurs and companies: create and retain more than 3,400 jobs, protect over 1,300

new ideas through patents and copyrights, develop nearly 900 prototypes, bring more than 700 products and services to the market and sell to more than 3,500 new customers.

- It is estimated that ONE will increase these numbers dramatically, by providing more coordinated, immediate and specialized help that is accessible across the province.
- In Sudbury, local thinking and support for innovation has already produced successful companies like [Jannatec Radio Technologies](#). Jannatec's cost-effective innovations improve safety for miners, and are drawing interest from mining companies around the world.

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