



2006/07 annual review

ABOUT THE BC TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

The BC Technology Industry Association (BCTIA) is a not-for-profit, industry-funded organization representing the broader technology community across the province. The BCTIA has more than 2,100 member companies that range from startups to market leaders.

As the voice of the technology industry, the BCTIA is committed to the ongoing growth, sustainability and prosperity of BC's economy and the innovation that drives it. We deliver a broad array of programs and services that provide members with opportunities to connect, learn and grow their businesses in BC.

WHAT WE DO

We support our members and unify our partners to drive growth for the British Columbia economy with technology and innovation as a core contributor. We facilitate partnerships, policies and programs to develop a positive business environment where technology companies will grow and prosper.

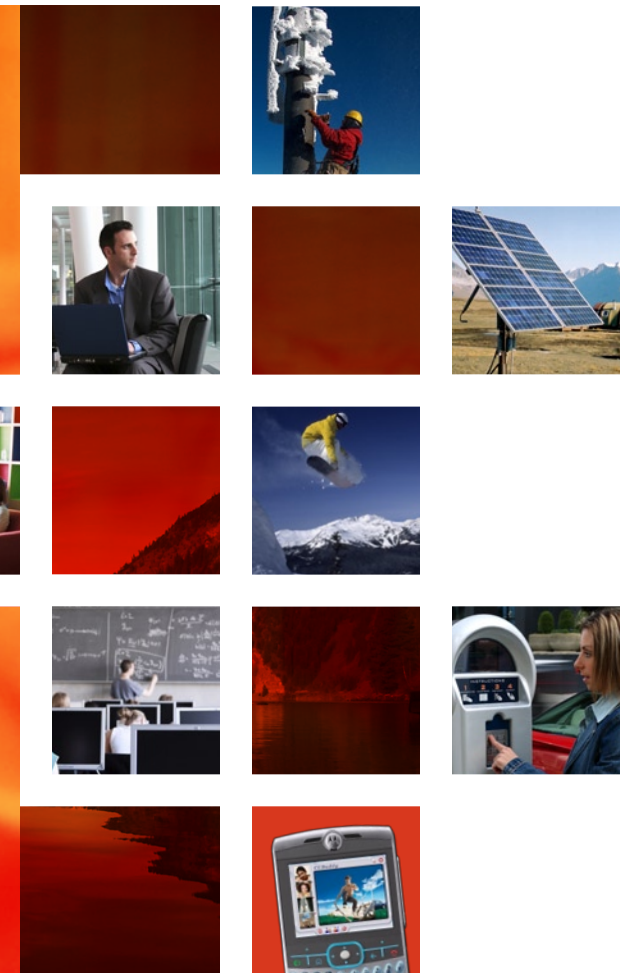
The BC Technology Industry Association:

- Provides advocacy and exerts political influence on behalf of the industry
- Delivers industry-focused programs and events
- Creates public awareness through a broad range of communications
- Provides professional development and peer networking forums
- Offers cost-saving business services to reduce bottom-line expenses



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND THE PRESIDENT

The past year was marked by progress for our industry and our organization.

In 2006, British Columbia's technology industry exceeded the national average in revenue growth and experienced a historical increase in high-tech employment. We achieved growth in both GDP and BC-origin high-tech exports. In fact, BC's technology industry has surpassed pre-bubble numbers and is still growing.

We've bridged the digital divide, becoming one of the most connected provinces in Canada with 7 out of every 10 households and 8 out of every 10 businesses having a computer and Internet access.

The BC Technology Industry Association has continued our commitment to growth, innovation and leadership, making significant gains on behalf of our members. Our advocacy efforts resulted in the development of a Provincial Technology Strategy, the commitment of 2,500 new graduate spaces, and the extension of the Provincial Scientific Research and Experimental Development Tax Credit Program to the year 2014.

The formalized partnership between the BCTIA and the British Columbia Regional Science and Technology Network extends our reach to more than 1,200 technology companies across the province.

It was a busy year for the Association, delivering an extensive lineup of more than 60 programs and events, including the Technology Impact Awards where we honoured BC's technology leaders and raised \$64K for the BC Technology Scholarship Fund. Our insurance program has helped member companies reduce employee health care and life insurance costs by more than 20%.

We have every reason to celebrate the successes of the past year; we're growing, we're succeeding and our future is bright.

Working together, we will continue to build our foundation for technology...

...an innovative culture where ideas beget more ideas

...where academia and business intersect

...where young people embrace technology as a career choice

...and where companies have the resources to build for the long term – growing and mentoring our next generation of leaders.

This report celebrates our accomplishments of the past year, a path that we have forged on behalf of our members. We look forward to working with you as we build on these successes and seize the boundless opportunities of the years ahead.

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President, BCTIA

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