

# An Educated, Diverse and Vibrant Workforce

Investing in our people is a core Canadian value, and Canada's workforce has the skills and motivation needed to achieve excellence.

- **Superior Education** - The quality of Canada's educational system is outstanding (*The Global Competitiveness Report 2010-2011*, prepared by the World Economic Forum). Canada ranks:
  - ◇ no. 1 in the G-7 in the quality of its education system (no. 5 in the world);
  - ◇ no. 1 in the G-7 in the quality of management schools (no. 3 in the world);
  - ◇ no. 1 in the G-7 in the quality of primary education (no. 9 in the world); and
  - ◇ no. 1 in the G-7 in the quality of math and science education (no. 10 in the world).
- **Top Business Schools** - Canada's business schools rank among the world's best. In 2010, four of the top 10 business schools in the world were Canadian, reports *Bloomberg Businessweek*.
- **Post-Secondary Degrees** - More than half of all working-age Canadians have a post-secondary education—second highest among OECD countries.
- **Strong Science Skills** - Canada ranks no. 1 in high school science skills in the OECD.
- **Multicultural Advantage** - Canada is a diverse society with a multicultural, multilingual workforce—a unique advantage for companies serving global markets. Twenty percent of Canadians have a mother tongue other than English or French.
- **Quality of Life** - Canada's quality of life, highlighted by its inclusiveness, its respect for diversity, and the safety of its cities, attracts creative, talented workers from around the world. Vancouver, Ottawa, Toronto, Montreal and Calgary rank as the five best cities in North America, reports Mercer LLC in its well-regarded 2010 *Quality of Living* survey.
- **Attractive to Specialized Workers** - Canada is where the most sought-after workers in the world want to live and work. Canada ranks no. 1 in the G-7 for offering equal opportunities to individuals (IMD *World Competitiveness Yearbook 2010*).

