

employing more than 30,000 employees. This mix of traditional and emerging industries is reflected in the list of Ottawa-Hull's largest private sector employers, a list which is headed by Bell (Bell Canada and Bell Northern Research both have more than 4,000 employees), EB Eddy, Northern Telecom and Mitel Corporation.

For air travel, Ottawa-Hull is serviced by the Macdonald-Cartier International Airport in Ottawa. Air Canada, Canadian, US Air and a number of regional airlines all operate flights out of Ottawa, with direct services available to major centres in Canada and the eastern United States. The closest water port facilities are located 127 miles away in Montreal, which is able to handle container freight. Ice-free port facilities in Quebec City (288 miles), and Boston (438 miles) can also be utilized and are readily accessible by road or rail.

Rail services are provided by CP Rail and Via Rail. The rail network in the region is fully integrated to the U.S. rail network. Ottawa is connected by major highway to the Trans-Canada Highway. Due south of Ottawa, U.S. Interstate Highway 81 branches off the Trans-Canada Highway, providing ready access to both New York City and Washington DC. Trucking companies, from local operators to interstate lines, provide a full range of carrier services.

Examples of recent business investment decisions in Ottawa-Hull include the following:

- SR Telecom is currently building a manufacturing facility of 120,000 square-feet in Ottawa. SR Telecom has its headquarters in Montreal, but chose to build in Ottawa due to the large pool of highly skilled workers available in Ottawa, from which it would be able to draw its expected workforce of 500. SR Telecom expects the new plant to be fully functional in September 1995.
- Canadian Forest Products recently invested nearly CDN \$300 million in Gatineau (Hull) to establish a paper de-inking plant. The plant is the largest of its kind in Canada.
- In recent years multi-national, high-technology companies Intergraph and Oracle Corporation have both established significant facilities in Hull. For Intergraph, their Hull laboratory rates third in scale out of their worldwide operations, while Oracle's laboratory rates fourth on that company's worldwide scale.
- In 1993 Control Micro Systems relocated their operations to Ottawa for a variety of reasons, including: lifestyle factors, ability to attract technically skilled employees and relative business costs.
- Primus Automotive, a subsidiary of Ford Credit Canada Ltd, recently chose Ottawa as the base for its operations. Primus, which provides