



## Pro Business Advantage

Companies continue to enjoy the pro-business environment available in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. With assistance from the private sector, all levels of government, industry associations and partners, this supportive and dynamic environment rounds out the business case, making Cape Breton a sound choice for global-minded companies.

### **R&D Tax Incentives and Financing**

Firms need look no farther than Cape Breton for a variety of valuable business incentives. R&D tax incentives and financing are available through federal and provincial governments as well as community business development corporations and other traditional banking sources. A list of R&D incentives and financing available to companies is available at [www.investincapebreton.com](http://www.investincapebreton.com).

### **Business Support Infrastructure**

At the heart of Cape Breton is the urban core of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality (CBRM). With a population of over 97,000, this is the second largest concentration of urban population in Nova Scotia (by a wide margin) and the fourth largest urban centre in the Maritime provinces. CBRM offers a full range of business services and support.

The town of Port Hawkesbury is the support service centres for the Strait of Canso industrial corridor. In addition, firms have the ability to set up in smaller communities around the region where they can access land, buildings, broadband, skilled labour and a good mix of local service providers.

### **Real Estate**

Downtown Sydney offers a number of class A and B commercial buildings for firms looking to set up or expand. There are several other real estate options in urban Sydney and surrounding communities. For companies that prefer a smaller community, Port Hawkesbury has commercial buildings that can accommodate these types of businesses.

### **Incubation**

For start-ups looking for full service technology incubation, Venture Solutions

Inc. provides office and laboratory space, as well as access to a central receptionist, accounting, and project management services.

### **Industrial and Business Parks**

Business parks, industrial parks and business/industrial malls are located throughout Cape Breton. For companies looking to purchase or lease existing facilities, buildings are available. This infrastructure offers tremendous opportunities for business start-up ventures and business expansion.

### **Government, Research and Industry Partners**

Sectors continue to be well-supported by government, research institutions and industry associations. A full list of partner organizations is available at [www.investincapebreton.com](http://www.investincapebreton.com).

