

## South Okanagan Business Service Guide

### Bid and Business Opportunities

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MERX - Canadian & US Public Tenders (Federal, Provincial, & Municipal)	<a href="http://www.merx.com">www.merx.com</a>
British Columbia Government - BC Bid	<a href="http://www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca">www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca</a>
Civic Info BC	<a href="http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca">www.civicinfo.bc.ca</a>
Regional District of Okanagan - Similkameen	<a href="http://www.rdos.bc.ca">www.rdos.bc.ca</a>
Penticton	<a href="http://www.penticton.ca">www.penticton.ca</a>
Peachland	<a href="http://www.peachland.ca">www.peachland.ca</a>
West Kelowna	<a href="http://www.districtofwestside.ca">www.districtofwestside.ca</a>
Westbank First Nation	<a href="http://www.wfn.ca">www.wfn.ca</a>
Buy & Sell - Canadian Government	<a href="http://www.buyandsell.gc.ca">www.buyandsell.gc.ca</a>

### Business License Information

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All businesses in the City of Penticton are required to have a Business License as it is regulated by the city of Penticton.

Business License Applications are required for:

- New Businesses
- Change of address for existing businesses
- Change of mailing address
- Change of ownership
- Change in business name
- Change in emergency contacts
- Change of business description

#### BizPal

BizPal is a free online service that allows you to efficiently search for the licenses you may need to start or grow a business - [www.bizpal.ca](http://www.bizpal.ca)

There are 3 kinds of businesses that require a City of Penticton Business Licence.

- 1.) Commercial / Industrial Business - business being carried on within a building located in a commercial or industrial area in the City of Penticton as defined in the [Zoning By-law 87-65](#). Before you commit to a location, check with the Planning Department to see if your type of business is permitted under zoning in that location. Before you buy or lease a building, it would be in your best interest to have a clause inserted in your option-to-purchase or lease document.
- 2.) Home-Based Business - A business being carried on within a dwelling located in a residential area in the City of Penticton as defined in the Zoning By-law.
- 3.) Out of Town Business - A business being carried on in the City of Penticton, but with the business office located outside of Penticton.

### Inter-Community Licence

In partnership with the Provincial Ministry of Small Business and Revenue, communities in the Province have created an Inter-Community Business Licence Program. Nineteen municipalities within the Okanagan and Similkameen regions have entered into an agreement with one another to permit certain kinds of businesses the option to upgrade to the Inter-Community Business Licence. With this program a business will only have to obtain one additional Business Licence (Inter-Community Business Licence) to do business, work or provide services in all of the other participating communities.

An Inter-Community business is a business that performs a service in more than one of the known participating communities and is mobile; which means they provide services or do their business by moving from client to client and the business does not have a storefront or location other than in their home or Principal Municipality.

Business owners must have a basic licence in the community in which they are located, and also request the inter-community add-on for an additional \$150.00.

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|---|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| - Armstrong                             | - Kelowna      | - Osoyoos    | - Sicamous     |
| - Central Okanagan<br>Regional District | - Keremeos     | - Peachland  | - Spallumcheen |
| - Coldstream                            | - Lake Country | - Penticton  | - Summerland   |
| - Enderby                               | - Lumby        | - Princeton  | - Vernon       |
|   | - Oliver       | - Salmon Arm | - West Kelowna |

### BC Business Registry

The BC Business Registry is a public sector partnership offering integrated Business Registration, as well as Business Address Change and Liquor Licensing services based on the Business Number.

BC Business registry is available to register your business with Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (HST, payroll, income tax, import/export accounts), register your business name, register with the Province for PST, and the Worker's Compensation Board [www.bcbusinessregistry.ca](http://www.bcbusinessregistry.ca)

### Local Business Licensing Offices

City of Penticton  
171 Main Street  
Penticton, BC  
Phone: (250) 490-2400  
Fax: (250) 490-2402  
[www.penticton.ca](http://www.penticton.ca)

District of Summerland  
13211 Henry Avenue  
Summerland, BC  
Phone: 250-494-6451  
Fax: 250-494-1415  
[www.summerland.ca](http://www.summerland.ca)

Town of Keremeos  
702 - 4th Street  
Keremeos, BC  
Phone: 250-499-2711  
Fax: 250-499-5477  
[www.keremeos.ca](http://www.keremeos.ca)

District of Peachland  
5806 Beach Avenue  
Peachland, BC  
Phone: 250-767-2647  
Fax: 250-767-3443  
[www.peachland.ca](http://www.peachland.ca)

Town of Oliver  
35016 - 97th Street  
Oliver, BC  
Phone: 250-485-6200  
Fax: 250-498-4466  
[www.oliver.ca](http://www.oliver.ca)

Town of Osoyoos  
8707 Main Street  
Osoyoos, BC  
Phone: 250-495-6515  
Fax: 250-495-2400  
[www.osoyoos.ca](http://www.osoyoos.ca)

### Chambers of Commerce & Business Associations

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Penticton Chamber of Commerce  
Suite 100 - 166 Main Street  
Penticton, BC  
Phone: (250) 492-4103  
Fax: (250) 492-6119  
[www.penticton.org](http://www.penticton.org)

Summerland Chamber of Commerce  
15600 HWY 97  
Summerland, BC  
Phone: (250) 494-2686  
Fax: (250) 494-4039  
[www.summerlandchamber.com](http://www.summerlandchamber.com)

Peachland Chamber of Commerce  
5812 Beach Avenue  
Peachland, BC  
Phone: (250) 767-2455  
Fax: (250) 767-2420  
[www.peachlandchamber.bc.ca](http://www.peachlandchamber.bc.ca)

Downtown Penticton Association  
209 - 212 Main Street  
Penticton, BC  
Phone: (250) 493-8540  
Fax: (250) 493-9170  
[www.downtownpenticton.org](http://www.downtownpenticton.org)

Osoyoos, Oliver, Okanagan Falls Chamber of  
Commerce  
36205 93rd Street  
Oliver BC  
Phone: (250) 498-6321 Ext. 1  
Fax: (250) 498-3156  
[www.sochamber.ca](http://www.sochamber.ca)

## Penticton Economic Profile

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The Penticton Economic Development Services (EDS) Profile is a valuable research tool and provides a myriad of information on the local economy including physical characteristics, local history, government, business climate, demographics, and much more.

[Economic Profile](#)

## Penticton Relocation Guide

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The Penticton Relocation Guide is an excellent tool to take advantage of for those individuals thinking of maybe relocating to the area. This document provides information on the weather, education system, community facts (census data), local realtors, storage and more.

[Relocation Guide](#)

## Increase your Local Presence

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Imagine Penticton Business Directory  
[Business Directory](#)

OurOkanagan  
[www.ourokanagan.ca](http://www.ourokanagan.ca)

## Economic Development Offices

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Penticton Economic Development Office  
Economic Development Officer: David H. Arsenault  
553 Railway Street  
Penticton, BC  
Phone: (250) 276-2164  
Email: [david.arsenault@penticton.ca](mailto:david.arsenault@penticton.ca)  
[www.imaginepenticton.ca](http://www.imaginepenticton.ca)

Okanagan Falls Economic Development Office  
Economic Development Officer: John Powell  
Unit 1, 5350 - 9th Avenue  
Phone: (778) 515-5520  
Fax: (778) 515-5521  
Email: [jpowell@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:jpowell@rdos.bc.ca)  
[www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca)

Peachland Economic Development Committee  
Rob Campbell: [rcampbell@dominiongrand.com](mailto:rcampbell@dominiongrand.com)  
Chris Byrd: [cbyrd@shaw.ca](mailto:cbyrd@shaw.ca)  
Barrie Hewer: [barrie@hewer.com](mailto:barrie@hewer.com)  
[www.peachlandedc.com](http://www.peachlandedc.com)

## Employment

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Employment Standards Branch	<a href="http://www.labour.gov.bc.ca">www.labour.gov.bc.ca</a>
Employment Opportunities with Local Governments	
City of Penticton	<a href="http://www.penticton.ca">www.penticton.ca</a>
District of Peachland	<a href="http://www.peachland.ca">www.peachland.ca</a>
District of Summerland	<a href="http://www.summerland.ca">www.summerland.ca</a>
Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen	<a href="http://www.rdos.bc.ca">www.rdos.bc.ca</a>

## Employment Resources

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Quick Links - Employment Resources	<a href="http://www.imaginepenticton.ca">www.imaginepenticton.ca</a>
Accelerate Okanagan (Technology Positions)	<a href="http://www.accelerateokanagan.com">www.accelerateokanagan.com</a>
Physicians	<a href="http://www.betterhere.ca">www.betterhere.ca</a>
Regional Employment Projections	<a href="http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca">www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca</a>
High Tech BC	<a href="http://www.hightechbc.com">www.hightechbc.com</a>

## Subsidies & Training Programs

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Human Resources and Social Development Canada (HRSDC)	<a href="http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca">www.hrsdc.gc.ca</a>
Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen	<a href="http://www.rdos.bc.ca">www.rdos.bc.ca</a>

Labour Market Partnership Program  
[www.labourmarketservices.gov.bc.ca](http://www.labourmarketservices.gov.bc.ca)

Tax Credits  
[www.sbr.gov.bc.ca](http://www.sbr.gov.bc.ca)

Wage Subsidies for Employers  
[www.labourmarketservices.gov.bc.ca](http://www.labourmarketservices.gov.bc.ca)

## Export Resources

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Department of Foreign Affairs & International Trade  
Trade Commissioner: Harvey Rebalkin  
313 Bernard Avenue  
Kelowna, BC V1Y 6N6  
Phone: (250) 470-5000  
Email: [harvey.rebalkin@international.gc.ca](mailto:harvey.rebalkin@international.gc.ca)  
[www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca](http://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca)

### Additional Export Resources:

Export Development Canada  
International Trade Administration  
Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters  
Canadian Trade Commissioner  
Export British Columbia  
BC Business Network  
Tariff Information

[www.edc.ca](http://www.edc.ca)  
[www.ita.doc.gov](http://www.ita.doc.gov)  
[www.cme-mec.ca](http://www.cme-mec.ca)  
[www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca](http://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca)  
[Export British Columbia](#)  
[BC Business Network](#)  
[www.cbsa.gc.ca](http://www.cbsa.gc.ca)

## Foreign Entrepreneurs & Workers

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Penticton Economic Development Services works in assisting temporary foreign workers, provincial nominees, investors, and business owners in navigating through the programs available that allow them to work in BC. EDS also actively promotes the Region to young families as a place to move, live, work and invest.

Please feel free to contact:  
David H. Arsenault, MBA  
Office: 250-276-2164  
Email: [david.arsenault@penticton.ca](mailto:david.arsenault@penticton.ca)

### Additional Resources:

Temporary Workers	<a href="http://www.cic.gc.ca">www.cic.gc.ca</a>
Skilled Workers & Professionals	<a href="http://www.welcomebc.ca">www.welcomebc.ca</a>
Investors & Business Owners	<a href="http://www.cic.gc.ca">www.cic.gc.ca</a>
Family Members	<a href="http://www.cic.gc.ca">www.cic.gc.ca</a>
Immigration Employment Council	<a href="http://www.tapintotalent.ca">www.tapintotalent.ca</a>
South Okanagan Immigrant & Community Services	<a href="http://www.soics.ca">www.soics.ca</a>
	<a href="http://www.hireimmigrants.ca">www.hireimmigrants.ca</a>

### Funding & Business Incentives

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Penticton Economic Investment Zones	<a href="http://www.imaginepenticton.ca">www.imaginepenticton.ca</a>
BC Angel Forum	<a href="http://www.confmanager.com">www.confmanager.com</a>
Western Universities Technology Innovation Fund	<a href="http://www.wutif.ca">www.wutif.ca</a>
BC Government Venture Capital Program	<a href="http://www.tted.gov.bc.ca">www.tted.gov.bc.ca</a>
BC Investor Tax Credit Program	<a href="http://www.tted.gov.bc.ca">www.tted.gov.bc.ca</a>
BC Tax Incentives for Small Business	<a href="http://www.sbr.gov.bc.ca">www.sbr.gov.bc.ca</a>
Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC)	<a href="http://www.bdc.ca">www.bdc.ca</a>
Canada Business Government Grants, Loans, & Financing	<a href="http://www.canadabusiness.ca">www.canadabusiness.ca</a>
Canada Small Business Financing Program	<a href="http://www.ic.gc.ca">www.ic.gc.ca</a>
Canada's Venture Capital & Private Equity Association	<a href="http://www.cvca.ca">www.cvca.ca</a>
Canada's Financing Forum	<a href="http://www.financingforum.com">www.financingforum.com</a>
Farm Credit Canada	<a href="http://www.fcc-fac.ca">www.fcc-fac.ca</a>
Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP)	<a href="http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca">www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca</a>
Industry Canada	<a href="http://www.ic.gc.ca">www.ic.gc.ca</a>
National Angel Capital Organization	<a href="http://www.angelinvestor.ca">www.angelinvestor.ca</a>
International Financial Centre of BC	<a href="http://www.ifcbc.com">www.ifcbc.com</a>
Canadian Youth Business Foundation	<a href="http://www.cybf.ca">www.cybf.ca</a>
BC Grants - Small Business Financing	<a href="http://www.grants-loans.org">www.grants-loans.org</a>

Invest British Columbia  
Scientific Research and Experimental Development  
(SR&ED) Tax Incentive Program  
Small Business BC Financing Overview  
Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust  
Western Economic Diversification  
BC New Ventures  
High Tech BC  
Vancouver Angel Technology Network

[www.britishcolumbia.ca](http://www.britishcolumbia.ca)  
[www.cra-arc.gc.ca](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca)

[www.smallbusinessbc.ca](http://www.smallbusinessbc.ca)  
[www.sidit-bc.ca](http://www.sidit-bc.ca)  
[www.wd.gc.ca](http://www.wd.gc.ca)  
[www.newventuresbc.com](http://www.newventuresbc.com)  
[www.hightechbc.com](http://www.hightechbc.com)  
[www.vantec.ca](http://www.vantec.ca)

## High Tech Support

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NRC - IRAP  
National Sciences & Engineering Research  
Council of Canada  
Accelerate Okanagan

[www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca](http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca)  
[www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca)  
[www.accelerateokanagan.com](http://www.accelerateokanagan.com)

## Local Government Offices

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City of Penticton  
171 Main Street  
Penticton, BC, V2A 5A9  
Phone: (250) 490-2407  
Fax: (250) 490-2402  
Contact: Annette Antoniak, CAO  
[www.penticton.ca](http://www.penticton.ca)

District of Summerland  
13211 Henry Avenue  
Summerland, BC, V0H 1Z0  
Phone: 250-494-6451  
Fax: 250-494-1415  
Contact: Don DeGagne, CAO  
[www.summerland.ca](http://www.summerland.ca)

The Corporation of the District  
of Peachland  
5806 Beach Avenue  
Peachland BC, V0H 1X0  
Phone: (250) 767-2647  
Fax: (250) 767-3433  
Contact: Elsie Lemke, Administrator  
[www.peachland.ca](http://www.peachland.ca)

Regional District Okanagan  
Similkameen  
101 Martin Street  
Penticton, BC, V2A 5J9  
Phone: (250) 492-0237  
Contact: Bill Newell, CAO  
[www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca)

Town of Keremeos  
702 - 4th Street  
Keremeos, BC  
Phone: 250-499-2711  
Fax: 250-499-5477  
Contact: Laurie Taylor, CAO  
[www.keremeos.ca](http://www.keremeos.ca)

Town of Oliver  
35016 - 97th Street  
Oliver, BC  
Phone: 250-485-6200  
Fax: 250-498-4466  
Contact: Tom Szalay, CAO  
[www.oliver.ca](http://www.oliver.ca)

Town of Osoyoos  
8707 Main Street  
Osoyoos, BC V0H 1V0  
Phone: 250-499-2711  
Fax: 250-499-5477  
Contact: Barry Romanko, CAO  
[www.osoyoos.ca](http://www.osoyoos.ca)

## Meeting Rooms & Corporate Event Rentals

### Penticton

Community Centre - Meeting Rooms #2 and #3 - Size is 21' x 24', max. occupancy of 50.	325 Power Street Penticton, BC V2A 7K9	To book this meeting room contact the Recreation Coordinator at 250-490-2430
Community Centre - Rec Room Size is 16' x 38', max occupancy of 30.	325 Power Street Penticton, BC V2A 7K9	To book this meeting room contact the Recreation Coordinator at 250-490-2430
Library / Museum Auditorium Size is 34' x 40', max occupancy of 116	325 Power Street Penticton, BC V2A 7K9	To book this meeting room contact the Recreation Coordinator at 250-490-2430
McLaren Park Arena Meeting Room - Size is 15' x 23' with a maximum occupancy of 30	325 Power Street Penticton, BC V2A 7K9	To book this meeting room contact the Recreation Coordinator at 250-490-2430
Penticton Lakeside Resort	21 Lakeshore Drive West Penticton, BC V2A 7M5	Jo Norton-Westwood <a href="mailto:jo@rpbhotels.com">jo@rpbhotels.com</a> 1-250-493-9772
Days Inn & Conference Center	152 Riverside Drive Penticton, BC V2A 5Y4	<a href="http://www.daysinnpenticton.ca">www.daysinnpenticton.ca</a> 250-493-6616
Best Western Plus Inn	3180 Skaha Lake Road Penticton, BC V2A 6G4	<a href="http://www.bestwesternpenticton.com">www.bestwesternpenticton.com</a> 250-493-0311
Ramada Inn Suites	1050 Eckhardt Avenue West Penticton, BC V2A 2C3	<a href="http://www.pentictonramada.com">www.pentictonramada.com</a> 250-490-8926
Sandman Hotel	939 Burnaby Avenue West Penticton, BC V2A1G7	<a href="http://www.sandman.ca">www.sandman.ca</a> 250-493-7151



South Okanagan Events Centre	853 Eckhardt Ave. West Penticton, BC V2A 9C4	<a href="http://www.soec.ca">www.soec.ca</a> 250-490-2460
Penticton Trade & Convention Centre	273 Power Street Penticton BC V2A7K9	<a href="http://www.pentictonconventioncentre.com">www.pentictonconventioncentre.com</a> 250-490-2340 <a href="mailto:sales@penticton.ca">sales@penticton.ca</a>
Saddleback Lodge at Apex Mountain Resort	115 Clearview Crescent Apex Mountain Resort Penticton, BC V2A 8L8	<a href="http://www.saddlebacklodge.com">www.saddlebacklodge.com</a> 1-800-863-1466 <a href="mailto:info@saddlebacklodge.com">info@saddlebacklodge.com</a>
Super 8 Hotel	1706 Main Street Penticton, BC V2A 5G8	<a href="http://Super 8 Penticton">Super 8 Penticton</a> 250-492-3829
Coast Penticton Hotel	950 Westminster Avenue West Penticton, BC V2A 1L2	<a href="http://www.coasthotels.com">www.coasthotels.com</a> 250-492-0225
Apex Mountain Inn & Spa	300 Strayhorse Rd Penticton, BC V2A 8Z9	<a href="http://www.apexmountaininn.com">www.apexmountaininn.com</a> 250-292-8126

### Summerland

Summerland Waterfront Resort & Spa	13011 Lakeshore Drive South, Summerland, BC V0H 1Z1	<a href="http://www.summerlandresorthotel.com">www.summerlandresorthotel.com</a> 1-877-494-8111
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## Peachland

Peachland Community Centre	4450 6th St RR 6 Peachland, BC V0H 1X6	<a href="mailto:rec_clerk@peachland.ca">rec_clerk@peachland.ca</a> <a href="http://www.peachland.ca">www.peachland.ca</a> 250-767-2133
50+ Activity Centre	4450 6th St RR 6 Peachland, BC V0H 1X6	<a href="mailto:50plus@telus.net">50plus@telus.net</a> <a href="http://www.peachland.ca">www.peachland.ca</a> 250-767-9133
Peachland Little School House	1898 Brandon Lane Peachland, BC V0H 1X6	<a href="mailto:school1898@gmail.com">school1898@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.peachland.ca">www.peachland.ca</a> 250-575-8226
Peachland Elementary	5486 Clements Crescent Peachland, BC V0H 1X5	<a href="mailto:sryan@sd23.bc.ca">sryan@sd23.bc.ca</a> <a href="http://www.ple.sd23.bc.ca">www.ple.sd23.bc.ca</a> 250-860-8888
4th Street Place	4485 4th Street Peachland, BC V0H 1X5	<a href="mailto:rec_clerk@peachland.ca">rec_clerk@peachland.ca</a> <a href="http://www.peachland.ca">www.peachland.ca</a> 250-767-2133

## Networking Functions, Seminars & Events

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Penticton Chamber of Commerce  
Downtown Penticton Association  
Summerland Chamber of Commerce  
Peachland Chamber of Commerce  
South Okanagan Chamber of Commerce  
Accelerate Okanagan

[www.penticton.org](http://www.penticton.org)  
[www.downtownpenticton.org](http://www.downtownpenticton.org)  
[www.summerlandchamber.com](http://www.summerlandchamber.com)  
[www.peachlandchamber.bc.ca](http://www.peachlandchamber.bc.ca)  
[www.sochamber.ca](http://www.sochamber.ca)  
[www.accelerateokanagan.com](http://www.accelerateokanagan.com)

## Property & Tax Assessment

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City of Penticton  
District of Summerland  
District of Peachland  
Town of Keremeos  
Town of Oliver  
Town of Osoyoos

[www.penticton.ca](http://www.penticton.ca)  
[www.summerland.ca](http://www.summerland.ca)  
[www.peachland.ca](http://www.peachland.ca)  
[www.keremeos.ca](http://www.keremeos.ca)  
[www.oliver.ca](http://www.oliver.ca)  
[www.osoyoos.ca](http://www.osoyoos.ca)

## Small Business Planning

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Canada Revenue Agency  
Incorporating a Business  
Starting a Business

[www.cra-arc.gc.ca](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca)  
[www.ic.gc.ca](http://www.ic.gc.ca)  
[www.imaginepentiction.ca](http://www.imaginepentiction.ca)

## Statistical Sources

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Statistics Canada  
BC Statistics  
Data BC  
BC Government Open Information  
BC Major Projects Inventory  
Regional Employment Projections  
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation  
Canadian Industry Statistics (CIS)  
Small & Medium Enterprises (SM&E) Business Financing Statistics  
Small Business Publications  
Small Business Research & Statistics  
US Federal Statistics

[www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)  
[www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca](http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca)  
[www.data.gov.bc.ca](http://www.data.gov.bc.ca)  
[www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca](http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca)  
[www.gov.bc.ca](http://www.gov.bc.ca)  
[www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca](http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca)  
[www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca](http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca)  
[www.ic.gc.ca](http://www.ic.gc.ca)  
[www.sme-fdi.gc.ca](http://www.sme-fdi.gc.ca)  
[www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca](http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca)  
[www.ic.gc.ca](http://www.ic.gc.ca)  
[www.fedstats.gov](http://www.fedstats.gov)

## Support Organizations

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### Accelerate Okanagan

Mission: To increase the number of technology companies that start and grow in British Columbia's Okanagan Valley. Accelerate Okanagan has many programs and initiatives readily available:

- KIC: Start Program
  - Venture Acceleration Program
  - Jump: Start: Challenge
  - BCIC Mentor Program
  - ACETECH Market Validation Program
- [www.accelerateokanagan.com](http://www.accelerateokanagan.com)

### Canadian Council for Small Business & Entrepreneurship

Their goals are to promote and advance the development of small business and entrepreneurship through further research, education and training, networking and dissemination of scholarly & policy-oriented information.

[www.ccsbe.org](http://www.ccsbe.org)

#### Community Futures Okanagan-Similkameen

CFOS offers business development programs, counselling, planning assistance and funding to businesses which cannot access funding from traditional sources.

[www.cfokanagan.com](http://www.cfokanagan.com)

#### Downtown Penticton Association

The Downtown Penticton Association is the voice of downtown, bringing together all residents, merchants, businesses, not-for-profit social service agencies, arts and cultural groups, governments, educational institutions and other organizations to enhance the economic development and social fabric of Downtown Penticton.

[www.downtownpenticton.org](http://www.downtownpenticton.org)

#### Export Development Canada (EDC)

EDC provides Canadian exporters with financing, insurance and bonding services as well as foreign market expertise.

[www.edc.ca](http://www.edc.ca)

#### Small Business BC

Small Business BC is British Columbia's premier resource centre for knowledge-based business products and services.

[www.smallbusinessbc.ca](http://www.smallbusinessbc.ca)

#### Industry Canada

Government website that provides information on small business financing, Canada industry statistics, and much more.

[www.ic.gc.ca](http://www.ic.gc.ca)

#### Trade British Columbia

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## B.C. Business Network

The BC Business Network is an online database for BC businesses that businesses can register for if they're interested in generating and developing international (and national) trade and investment opportunities.

[BC Business Network](#)



#### Investor Services

To learn how BC encourages investment and innovation, to building a strong workforce from a diversified pool, to business climate, business costs, global access, and overall quality of life. Check out this site for additional information. [Trade British Columbia Invest](#)

### [Export Assistance Tools](#)

Whether you're a first time exporter looking for some introduction help or an experienced exporter there is an abundance of information about financing and export development assistance available. Check out this site for additional information. [Trade British Columbia Export](#)

### [Export Markets](#)

Up-to-date priority market information is readily available on this web page. Please visit the site to learn more about entering new markets. [Trade British Columbia Export Markets](#)



### [Global Business Accelerator](#)

The global business accelerator provides physical space and support for B.C. companies to conduct business. This is coupled with strategic business development advice and local business connections from the B.C. trade and investment team. [BC Global Business Accelerator](#)



### [BC Manufacturers' Directory](#)

The manufacturing sector plays a critical role in the economy of British Columbia. To help support and promote local manufacturers, B.C. Stats, in conjunction with the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation, produces the [British Columbia Manufacturers' Directory](#).



### [BC Renaissance Capital Fund](#)

The Renaissance Fund invests in venture capital partnerships managed by investment professionals who are experienced. It focuses on four key technology sectors: information technology, digital media, clean technology as well as life sciences. The purpose of the BCRCF is to attract successful venture capital managers and their capital to British Columbia in order to develop promising, innovative technology companies in the province.

[BC Renaissance Capital Fund](#)



### Western Economic Diversification Canada

Western Economic Diversification Canada works to strengthen western innovation, business development, and community economic development. [Western Economic Diversification Canada](#)



### Urban Development Institute (UDI)

The Urban Development Institute is a national non-profit association (with international affiliations) of the development industry and its related professions that is non-partisan in its activities. With over 500 corporate members, UDI Pacific represents thousands of individuals involved in all facets of land development as well as planning, including: developers, property managers, financial lenders, lawyers, engineers, planners, architects, appraisers, real estate professionals, local governments and government agencies. [UDI - Okanagan Chapter](#)



### Women's Enterprise Centre

WEC is BC's leading resource for women entrepreneurs, offering skills development, business loans, plus free business guidance, business resources, mentoring, networking and events. [Women's Enterprise Centre](#)

### Trade & Industry Training

Forum for International Trade Training  
Industry Training  
Trades Training BC

[www.fitt.ca](http://www.fitt.ca)  
[www.aved.gov.bc.ca](http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca)  
[www.tradetrainingbc.ca](http://www.tradetrainingbc.ca)

### Small Business BC - Trade Show Directory

Directory listing of trade show functions throughout BC. [Trade Show Directory](#)

## Penticton Economic Development Services

Penticton Economic Development Services' (EDS) mandate is to help foster economic vitality through business attraction, retention, and expansion in Penticton, as well as, to offer services and assistance for any businesses that are starting-up, expanding, and/or relocating. Imagine Penticton offers services aimed towards promoting a dynamic and competitive business environment and achieving economic growth and success for the City of Penticton and the greater Penticton region. [www.imaginepenticton.ca](http://www.imaginepenticton.ca)

### Encouraging New Investment in Penticton

To promote and market Penticton as a premier business location to encourage new investment.

Business Attraction is an ongoing process that assists the community in creating new opportunities for job growth. Through a targeted marketing and business attraction process the organization will seek out only those non-competitive, complementary industries and support industries to broaden the scope of opportunities in the community. The goal of the program is to identify key industry sectors that can contribute to our local economy and promote job growth by identifying key businesses that support our local business community.

### Supporting local businesses for Retention and Expansion

To sustain Penticton's current businesses and assist in any further expansion and growth plans.

In order to ensure that the City of Penticton's businesses remain competitive and thrive within the regional, provincial, national and international environment, local businesses must continually be kept up-to-date with industry trends, market and demographic changes, local and global economic environments, and regulatory changes, among many other economic variables. Penticton Economic Development Services is committed to continuing and expanding its business development efforts by strengthening its relationships with local business owners and management, in addition to identifying and evaluating strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for growth within local businesses.

## Services

The Penticton Economic Development Office works along with the City of Penticton, Penticton and Wine Country Tourism and Chamber, and the local First Nation - the Penticton Indian Band, to implement strategies that strengthen the local economy.

Penticton Economic Development Services plays an important role in the overall socio-economic well-being and sustainability of the community. EDS has worked directly with the business community through:

- Referral assistance
- Financing support
- Market consulting
- Business advocacy
- Policy development
- External marketing
- Database development
- Seminar coordination
- Business promotion
- Brownfield development
- Site selector information
- Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)
- Business information service
- Survey/Needs identification
- Partnerships and Joint Venture support
- Site Visits/Business support
- Economic analysis

## Mission Statement

“To act as a catalyst for economic growth in Penticton by supporting local business through the enhancement of opportunities, promotion of sustainable and dynamic business practices and the attraction of new business investment.”

**Imagine the Lifestyle.**

**Imagine the Opportunities.**

**Imagine living in Penticton.**

**Imagine your business in Penticton.**

**Imagine Penticton.**

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