

Advanced Manufacturing in Southeast Alberta

“Originally roads and transportation made this the ideal location for our manufacturing facility. Twenty-eight years later we’re here because of the people. We’ve got good people and that’s what makes us a success in Southeast Alberta.”

Rick Redmond
General Manager of
Criterion Catalyst

Established

- Knowledgeable of codes and standards for metal fabrication in specialized environments.
- Able to adopt advanced and high productivity manufacturing techniques to fabricate parts for exacting specifications.
- Centrally located within the province and to the U.S. border with full access to air, highway and rail transportation.
- CFB Suffield (the largest military base in Canada and one of the largest in the world) and BATUS (British Army Training Unit) operate in the region and offer opportunities for local manufacturers, maintenance providers and fabricators.

Opportunity

Manufacturing remains a highly profitable sector within the region.

Here are a few opportunities for businesses and investors:

- The investment in oil sands facilities continues to create demand for capital maintenance and services.
- Southeast Alberta represents an enormous and growing opportunity for firms that provide repair and refurbishment services.
- Southeast Alberta has the largest wind farms proposed in Canada and there are opportunities in the supply chain.
- 43% of the population is between the ages of 25 and 54.

Value Driven

Today's businesses and investors are also looking to value-driven communities and cost-effective environments.

- Southeast Alberta offers some of the lowest costs of doing business in Alberta and the world.
- Land and buildings within the region cost less compared with other Alberta locations.
- Hard working, honest, dedicated, intelligent, professional, friendly and proud workforce.
- More than 40% of the population have post-secondary education.
- Stable and cost-effective utility rates.

Alberta offers

- competitive corporate taxes
- no provincial sales, general capital or payroll taxes
- no machinery and equipment tax
- research and development tax credits
- lowest tax rate in Canada
- lowest unemployment rates in the country

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