

# Oil & Gas in Southeast Alberta

*“When we first started our company in 2001 we started with one drilling rig and we have now built 44 rigs in the past six years. Southeast Alberta is a great place to do business.”*

Gene Carriere  
Vice President/  
General Manager  
Savann Energy Corp.

## Established

For more than a half-century entrepreneurs have excelled in sunny southeast Alberta and the prospects are good for the future.

- Experienced drilling workers and service technicians, including fracking workers, in the area from long standing oil and gas operations.
- Excellent trades program at Medicine Hat College including a Rig Technician program, which is also open to the development of new programs.
- Shallow, sweet natural gas or medium and heavy crude.
- Both horizontal and vertical wells.
- Centrally located within the province and to the U.S. border with full access to air, highway and rail transportation.
- Strong infrastructure system, from transportation to water to utilities to health care. It's a solid quality of life.
- Southeast Alberta has trained oil and gas workers with every skill set from technicians to office staff.

## Opportunity

The growth potential for this region is estimated to climb substantially due to wealth of natural resources and export demand. Here are a few opportunities for businesses and investors:

- large land surfaces available for drilling
- large open spaces
- commercial incentives in some locations for implementation
- year-round drilling, low cost and quick
- oil and gas technologies continue to grow in southeast Alberta
- 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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