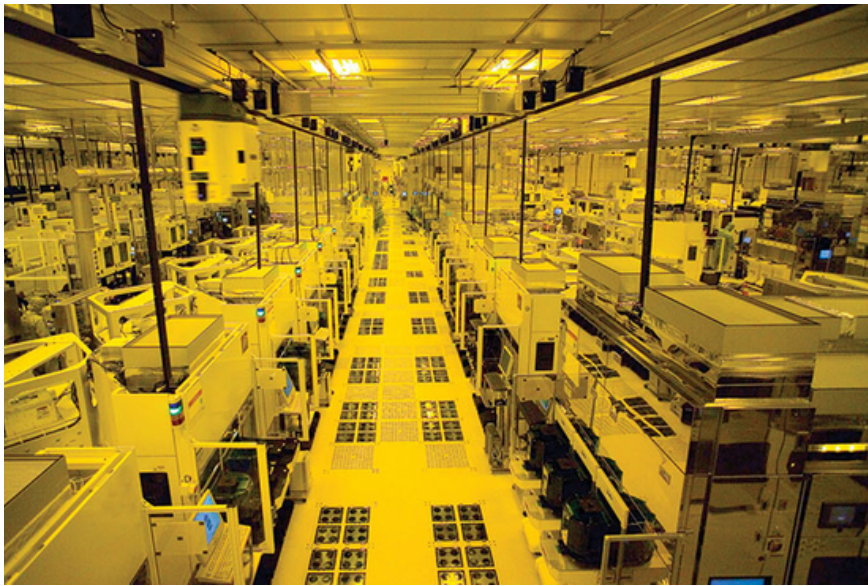




# Ottawa's edge



Semiconductor chip manufacturer TSMC set up a design center in Ottawa more than 10 years ago. The company is the world's first and largest dedicated integrated circuit foundry. It works with the semiconductor industry's innovators to make their designs into functioning products. The multinational company, headquartered in Taiwan, chose Ottawa primarily because of the city's high-quality, well-trained engineers and its strong

reputation in R&D excellence. It also knew Ottawa's exceptional quality of life helps attract key talent. Workforce diversity was another factor. "TSMC's Ottawa Design Center has nearly 20 different nationalities among its 60-person staff," says Cormac O'Connell, center director. "We not only seek to support a diverse and flourishing semiconductor ecosystem in North America, we hope to tap those resources to benefit our customers around the world."

## OTTAWA AT A GLANCE



1,440,000

Total population



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Tech talent concentration in North America



1,750

Knowledge-based businesses

60

Employees in Ottawa

34

Years in business

Semiconductor manufacturing Sector

## Why Ottawa

“ Ontario has very high concentration of high-tech firms and Ottawa boasts a strong reputation in research and development excellence. ”

— Cormac O'Connell, Director of TSMC's Ottawa Design Center.

