



Ciena (NYSE: CIEN) is a networking systems, services and software company based in Maryland, USA.

Driven by a relentless pursuit of network innovation, Ciena enables customers to adapt within ever-changing environments—so they can deliver richer, more connected experiences for their business and users.



In 2017, Ciena constructed its largest R&D centre globally, headquartered in Ottawa.

A Global Centre of Excellence in Ottawa

Over many years, Ciena has built and maintained a world-class innovation engine in Ottawa. In 2017, Ciena consolidated its Ottawa sites into its current Kanata campus of three buildings with 425,000 sq. ft. of space, including 80,000 sq. ft. of lab space. The campus hosts nearly half of Ciena's global R&D team, amongst others.



Gordon Mein
Senior Director, Special Projects, Optical R&D, Ciena



"Although we are perhaps best known for our technology, our story is really about people. Ottawa has provided both a rich talent pool with which to build our capability, and a community that offers a quality of life that is difficult to match elsewhere."

+ R&D Success Story

With 8,000+ employees worldwide, counted among them are 3,500+ R&D specialists.

+ 2,000 Patents

Always innovating, Ciena has more than 2,000 patents.

+ Recent Awards in 2022

- ECOC Exhibition Industry Awards
- Diamond Technology Awards
- Fiber Connect Game Changer Award
- Lightwave Innovation Reviews

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1.44 million
total population

785,000
total workforce

1,750 knowledge-based
businesses

74,000 information and communication
technology (ICT) workforce

