

DATA CENTRES

The Business Case for Investing in the Edmonton Metro Region



The Edmonton Region is an ideal location for data centre investment, offering unmatched advantages in **power flexibility, cost efficiency, and environmental stability.**

The Edmonton Region encompasses 14 municipalities and over 1.5 million people, contributing more than \$110 billion in GDP. It is one of Canada's largest metro areas.

OPTIMAL ENVIRONMENT

Ideal Climate for Efficiency

- Cold climate reduces cooling requirements and lowers costs
- Stable geography and geology means a very low risk of natural disasters
- Abundant water supply

70%
of the Edmonton Region's water supply is unallocated, unlike other parts of Alberta

Alberta is **the only province in Canada** with a deregulated energy market.

POWER ADVANTAGE

Freedom and Flexibility in Sourcing Power

- One of Canada's largest natural gas infrastructures
- Low natural gas costs
- Potential for renewable energy
- Alberta's deregulated energy market offers flexibility to choose your power source

The Edmonton Region has the **lowest land costs** among Canada's metro regions.

- An average industrial rent of \$10.71 CAD/square foot
- Lowest corporate tax rate in Canada at just 8%
- In 2022, the Region ranked 2nd in Canada for its efficiency in the development approval process
- Some of the lowest construction costs among Canada's metro regions

NUMBER ONE IN CANADA for engineering talent

- The Edmonton Region is one of Canada's top producers of STEM graduates
- It also boasts 130,000 post-secondary students, with 20% in STEM fields.

The Edmonton Region is ranked in the **top five globally for AI research.**



ANGELICA MENCK

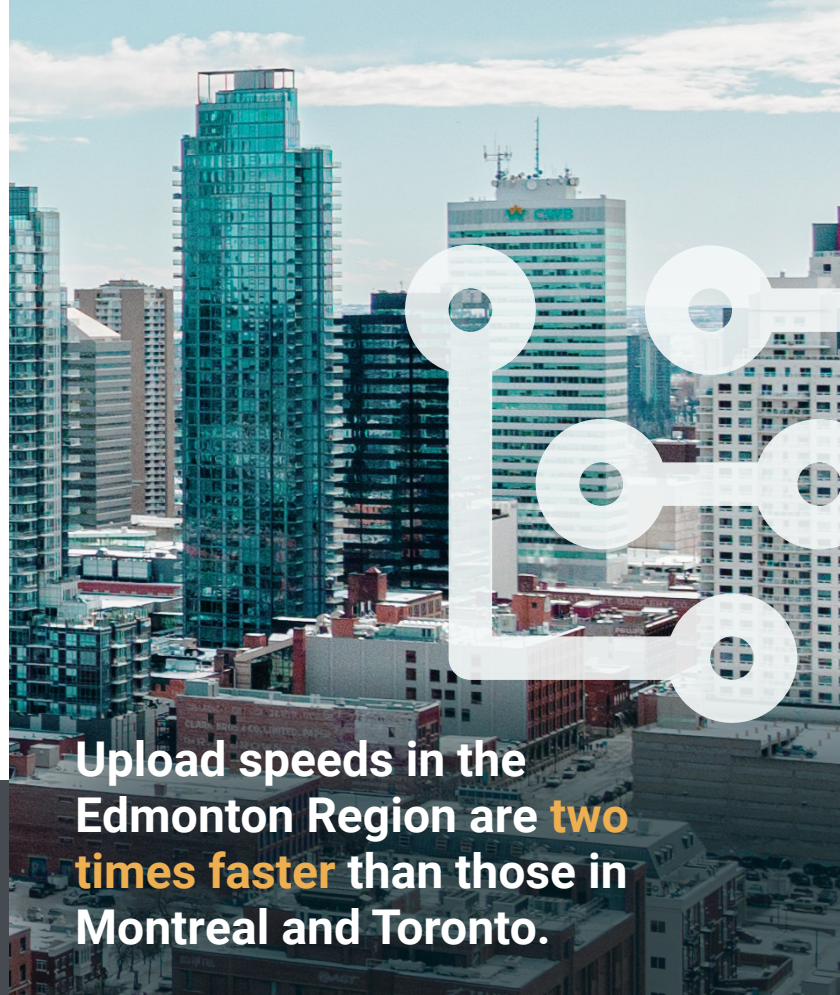
Senior Manager, Business Development

amenck@edmontonglobal.ca

EdmontonGlobal.ca

1-587-596-9212

Suite 2205 - 10020 100 St NW
Edmonton, AB T5J 0N3



Upload speeds in the Edmonton Region are **two times faster** than those in Montreal and Toronto.

CONNECTIVITY

Superior Fibre and Network Connectivity

- Comprehensive coverage of 5G+ networks and extensive connectivity
- >90% of the Region is connected – with some of the fastest networks in Canada

SUSTAINABILITY

- As one of the sunniest regions in Canada, the Edmonton Region has a high potential for solar energy
- The Region is one of the lowest cost producers of net-zero hydrogen
- A global leader in CCUS with more operational CO₂ storage capacity than most countries

GOVERNMENT INCENTIVES

- Government support for expediting projects, committed to reducing permitting timelines