ICT/Life Sciences Converging Technologies Cluster Study

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Agenda

- Background
- Methodology
- Toronto Results
- Cross-Cluster Comparisons
- US Comparisons (Biotechnology)
- Key Findings





Project Overview

- Qualitative analysis:
 - ICT, Life Sciences and converging technologies
 - Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa
- Partners: Industry Canada (ICT and Life Sciences Branches), NRC, Canadian Biotechnology Secretariat and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research
- Methodology: Previously-validated framework for cluster analysis
- Reports: Individual city reports and final comparative report
- Presentations of results to key stakeholders interested in cluster development





Project Objectives

- Provide improved understanding of ICT/Life Sciences & converging next generation clusters leading to improved policy decisions and the design of new initiatives
- Help break down silos
- Help accelerate cluster development
- Suggest realistic growth scenarios
- Provide a comparative analysis (Canada & US)
- Build on previous work





Geographic Scope of Study

> Vancouver Data Mapping

- Lower Mainland and Lower Fraser Valley
- ~280 ICT companies, ~100 LS companies
- > Toronto Data Mapping
 - Greater Toronto Area (GTA)
 - ~500 ICT companies, ~205 LS companies
- Montreal Data Mapping
 - Montreal Metropolitan Community
 - 257 ICT companies, 200 LS companies
- > Ottawa Data Mapping
 - Ottawa-Gatineau Census Metropolitan Area
 - 251 ICT companies, 100 LS companies



Sector Scope of Study

> ICT Sector Scope

- Manufacturing
- Intangible Services (including tele-health companies)
- Goods Related Services

Life Sciences Sector Scope

- Research & Development in Life Sciences (inc. Health Biotechnology)
- Pharmaceutical & Medicine Manufacturing
- Medical Devices Manufacturing
- Other Biotechnologies (Agriculture, Aquaculture, Energy, Environment, Forestry and Mining)
- Focus on "trading" companies





Study Methodology

- Use analytical framework to build an understanding of current cluster capacity and operational dynamics
- Conduct extensive literature review
- Map approximately 200-500 key ICT and 100-200 life sciences companies per city
- Interview approximately 10 key stakeholders per city
 - Top of mind perspective
 - Review success factors using preliminary spider diagrams
 - What they would like to see from government
- > Assess cluster dynamics and performance
- Compare results across sectors and cities
- Note: U.S. comparisons for biotech based on Brookings' indicators for research and commercialization





Toronto: Cluster Capacity

> ICT Cluster

- ~9,000 companies (~4,000 core), ~200,000 people
- Dominated by MNEs
- Little manufacturing, except local assembly
- Many small service providers
- Really 3 clusters (Downtown, Markham, Mississauga)

Life Sciences Cluster

- ~400 companies, >30,000 people
- Pharma dominated by MNEs
- MNE manufacturing increasingly going off-shore
- R&D focused on emerging biotech (health) activities, mostly SMEs
- Diverse and unfocused medical device activities, mostly SMEs
- Some converging technology activities but largely unfocused.





Toronto: Cluster Interviewees

- Frank Maw President, Motorola Canada
- Robert Horwood President, ITAC Ontario
- Keith Lue President Cardian Enterprises; and Director, MTA
- Doug McIntyre Chairman, York Technology Association
- Bill McClean VP, Manufacturing, Development and Marketing Operations, IBM Canada
- Karen Grant Managing Director, Exceler@tor (U of T)
- David Schindler President and CEO, Milestone Medica
- Ken Knox CEO, MaRS Discovery District (and John Cook, President and COO)
- Dale Patterson Chair, BCO; and Executive VP, Canadian Medical Discoveries Funds
- Lorne Meikle President, TBI, and CEO, BCY Life Sciences





Toronto: ICT Web Diagram

Toronto ICT Cluster Analysis (Qualitative Assessment)







Toronto: Life Sciences Web Diagram

Toronto Life Sciences Cluster Analysis (Qualitative Assessment)







Toronto: ICT Key Issues and Opportunities

- Entrepreneurship (e.g. create more attractive entrepreneurial environment)
- Increase awareness of capabilities within the cluster (e.g. database of companies)
- Strengthen commitment of MNEs, particularly encourage greater R&D
- Strengthen linkages to key enabled sectors
- Help address cluster weaknesses
 - Recognition of Potential (e.g. create GTA-wide partnership)
 - Champions (e.g. help attract/grow champions)
 - Financing (e.g. commercialization support, address capital issues)
 - Information Networks (e.g. help increase coordination among associations)





Toronto: Life Sciences Key Issues and Opportunities

- Leverage MaRS project and the Ontario Genomics Institute to strengthen genomics, proteomics, and bioinformatics activities in GTA
- Leverage existing pharma strengths (e.g. forge alliances with big pharma)
- Increase number of companies in cluster (e.g. increase emphasis on start-ups)
- Grow larger companies (e.g. provide increased commercialization support; encourage consolidation of smaller companies)
- Increase awareness of converging technology activities (R&D and companies)





Toronto: Converging Technologies Key Issues and Opportunities

- > A fair amount of research, lack of focus, little company formation
- Converging technology activity seems to be coming from the ICT side, some strengths in biosensors and biochips
- Some strengths in bioinformatics research
- Key challenges:
 - Lack of recognition of converging technology potential
 - Little interaction between ICT and LS communities

Need to increase awareness of converging technology potential at research and company level





Cluster Acceleration Factors and Indicators



Capturing Spillovers

- Entrepreneurial spin-offs
- Lo cal affiliate programs

Minimizing Leakages

- Local sourcing of products & services
- Local supplier development programs

Achieving Critical Mass

- Employment
- Number of Companies
 - Number with > 100 em ploy ees
 - Number established in last 10 years
- Financing
 - VC In ves tment
 - Research Funding
- Num ber of Patents
- Value of R&D Contracts
- Number of Exporting Firms

Encouraging Linkages

- Product development partnerships
- Market development partnerships
- R&D alliances
- Educatio nal and training linkages
- Innovation linkages
- Industry-university linkages







Cluster Acceleration Factors (Critical Mass)



ICT vs Life Sciences - relative critical mass (%)







LS: Achieving Critical Mass – Core Biotech Firms





Data Source; Peter Winter





LS: Achieving Critical Mass – Venture Capital



Data Source; Mary Macdonald and Associates





LS: Achieving Critical Mass – Patents



Data Source; Jorge Niosi





LS: Achieving Critical Mass – Research Alliances

Bio-Pharma Research Alliances (1999 – 2004)

	Vancouver	Toronto	Montreal	Ottawa
Number of			10	
Alliances				0
Value (\$M)	\$511	\$91	\$190	\$0
	(12)	(3)	(8)	

Data Source; Peter Winter





Cluster Acceleration Factors (Other)

- Capturing Spillovers
 - Corporate spin-offs
 - University spin-offs (LS)
- Minimizing Leakages
 - Some local sourcing
 - Diversified LS supplier base
- Encouraging Linkages
 - Some, but not generally evident
 - University/biotech firm linkages





Converging Technologies Comparisons









Converging Technologies – Key Challenge/Issues and Opportunities

> Challenge

 Collaboration among clusters at different stages on the performance curve



Issues and Opportunities

- Specific opportunities in bioinformatics (Vancouver) and biophotonics (Ottawa)
- Awareness of potential is high in Vancouver & somewhat in Ottawa
- Lack of concerted collaboration between the ICT and Life Sciences
- Need to increase awareness (particularly in ICT community)





US – Canada Comparisons (Biotechnology) – Approach

- Indicative Comparison
 - Based on Brookings institute methodology
 - Six parameters (Research 2, Commercialization 4)
 - Compared 51 US clusters
- Canadian comparison compared Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa with US clusters
 - All 55 clusters (51 US & 4 Canadian)
 - Top 9 Clusters (Boston, San Francisco, San Diego, Raleigh, Seattle, New York, Philadelphia, Los Angeles and Washington)
 - Other 46 clusters (42 US & 4 Canadian)





US Comparisons (Biotechnology) – Top 9

Comparisons of the top 9 US Clusters with the 4 Canadian Clusters (Ratio of Averages: US divided by Canada)







US Comparisons (Biotechnology) – Overall

Comparison within the 55 Metropolitan Areas







Some Key Findings

Overall

- The importance of cluster diversity
- The need for coordinated and sustained leadership and support
- The need to grow larger companies the commercialization dimension
 - Developing the right skills mix
 - Ensuring availability of substantive and sustained financing
 - The importance of market development

ICT Specific

- Dealing with ICT as a mature sector
 - Encouraging MNEs to develop stronger local (R&D) roots
- Exploiting ICT's role as an enabler







Some Key Findings (Continued)

Life Sciences Specific

- Integrating Life Sciences components
- Focusing on key Life Sciences clusters
- Stimulating Alliances between Pharmaceutical Firms and Biotechnology Firms
- Consolidation of Biotechnology Firms
- Developing a Local Supplier Base in emerging Life Sciences clusters

Converging Technologies Specific

- The need to focus resources in the converging technologies area
- The need to consider converging technologies more broadly
- The need for policy coordination in the converging technologies area





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Cluster Definition

Regional or urban concentrations of firms

- Manufacturers, suppliers, and service providers
- Operating in one, or more, industrial sectors
- Supported by an infrastructure
 - educational institutions (e.g. universities and colleges)
 - research institutions
 - financing organizations
 - business incubators
 - business service providers
 - advanced physical infrastructure (e.g. telecommunications and transportation)
- Sustained by a supporting policy regime that provides a favourable environment for long-term cluster growth





Sector View



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Cluster View





Eight Characteristics of Success

- Recognition of Potential by Local Leaders
- Regional Strengths (transportation & telecommunications infrastructure / technological / local market / social, cultural and entertainment infrastructure)
- Influence of Champions (individuals or institutions)
- Entrepreneurial Drive
- Various Sources of Financing (angel, VC, government, debt/equity)
- Information Networks (informal and formal)
- Educational & Research Institutions (with strong links to industry)
- Staying Power (it can take 30 + years to reach maturity)





Success Factors Mapped to Spider Diagramming Tool

Cluster Analysis Framework (Qualitative Assessment)



Creating Information Age Success

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Cluster Acceleration Factors – Linkage Impact



Examples of Key Converging Technologies



- * Examples of Key Technologies
- ** Nanotechnology also converges with Advanced Materials





ICT Cluster Comparisons – Success Factors







Bontreal ICT Cluster Analysis (Qualitative Assessment)

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LS Cluster Comparisons – Success Factors









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Ottawa Life Sciences Cluster Analysis (Qualitative Assessment)



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