

## What We Do

The WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation advances economic development and prosperity in our region. We are the region's lead economic development agency and a dedicated catalyst for business growth and expansion. We attract new businesses to our region, help strengthen existing businesses and support entrepreneurship in three key ways:

### INFORMING

We provide the most current and relevant information and data on site selection, market research and available government funding.

### GUIDING

We provide answers and advice on general business practices, expansion planning, multi-national branch planning and exporting, as well as training and educational resources.

### CONNECTING


We help organizations cut through red tape and we connect them directly with key decision makers, potential partners and funders.

## New Investment Facilitated \$26,150,250

Total amount of new investment to the region, through both public and private investment streams.




## Building Permits \$147,563,934



## Business Resource Sessions

97 Sessions | 1361 Attendees



## Diversification Retention & Expansion Files



## Priority Business Attraction Files



## Top Business Priorities

- NAFTA, including Business Immigration
- Cap & Trade
- Energy Costs
- Skilled Trades/Labour Demand & Challenge
- Proposed Changes To The Employment Standards Act And Labour Relations Act

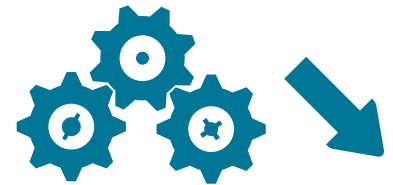
## Regional Labour Market Indicators



**Population 15+**  
331,700



**Labour Force**  
198,900



**Employment**  
186,300



**Unemployment**  
12,600

**Unemployment Rate**  
6.3%

**Participation Rate**  
60%

**Employment Rate**  
56.2%

Note: The above figures reflect all of Windsor and Essex County, comparing Q2 2017 to Q1 2017. Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey custom tabulation.