

OSMBC Launches as the Voice of Small and Medium-sized Information Technology (IT) Businesses in Ontario

-The Ontario Small and Medium Business Coalition (OSMBC) aims to positively impact policy-making to sustain and grow Ontario's IT industry

August 24, 2017 - The Ontario Small and Medium Business Coalition (OSMBC) launched today as a permanent association to ensure the voice of small and medium-sized IT services providers is represented in Ontario.

“As the voice of small and medium IT companies in Ontario, OSMBC’s mission is to foster an environment that helps small and medium IT companies succeed, prosper, and grow” said Bud Derakhshani, interim President, OSMBC. “This is fundamental to Ontario’s continued prosperity and the OSMBC will work every day to ensure small and medium sized IT companies can thrive here at home and around the world.”

Members of the OSMBC, which is open to all small and medium IT firms in the province, are in communities large and small right across Ontario and employ thousands of people in highly skilled jobs – helping to strengthen both their local community and the local economy.

The new association will focus on providing input to positively affect government policy decisions as well as current and long-term issues confronting its members in the IT sector. This will involve participating in networking and advocacy to benefit the industry.

As its first priority, the OSMBC successfully called on the Ontario government to reverse proposed changes to the Task Based I&IT (ON-Demand) VOR that would have closed small and medium IT providers, eliminated jobs, and ultimately reduced the quality and range of digital services provided to Ontarians. The government recently announced a new RFP process will be ready in the fall. Developing the new program in partnership with the OSMBC will help government reach their cost savings and quality goals in a way that also continues to strengthen small and medium-sized IT businesses in Ontario.

“Our members have built an outstanding relationship with government over decades of joint venture,” concluded Derakhshani. “Our partnership means good paying jobs and a flourishing Ontario economy. We look forward to a continued partnership with the province that will help build the next generation of IT jobs, a new wave of innovation, and the next era of growth in highly-skilled and highly-specialized IT services.”

About OSMBC: The Ontario Small and Medium Business Coalition (OSMBC) is a volunteer association of members that specialize in providing IT Subject Matter Expertise on-demand and IT solutions, and services to the government of Ontario, the government of Canada, municipalities, and private sector organizations. Our members deliver high quality services to the public and private sectors to help drive innovation in Ontario.