



Economy builder: The Victoria Innovation, Advanced Technology and Entrepreneurship Council, otherwise known as VIATEC, was founded in 1989. The organization’s impact on the Victoria innovation economy has been indelible. As Amanda Wilson of the South Island Prosperity Partnership notes in a recent feature with VIATEC CEO Dan Gunn, “technology is now Greater Victoria’s #1 industry with a \$5.22 billion economic impact and over 16,775 employees across 995 high-tech companies.” Moreover, it’s seen rapid growth over the past two years despite global economic turmoil. For more insights, read the [full conversation.](#)