

Ottawa firms crack Deloitte Technology Fast 50

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A clutch of Ottawa-based firms have made the cut for this year's Deloitte Technology Fast 50 ranking, which outlines the 50 fastest growing tech companies in Canada by percentage revenue growth over the past five years.

Ottawa companies Level Platforms, DragonWave Inc., EION Wireless, BelAir Networks, March Networks and BTI Systems all made this year's list, a marked improvement from last year for the Ottawa area.

In 2008, Ottawa and the surrounding area featured only four companies on the list (Level Platforms, BTI Systems, DragonWave Inc. and Bridgewater Systems).

The technology hot spot in Canada, according to the Fast 50, is southern Ontario where over 20 firms received kudos on the list including Toronto's Dominion Voting Systems and Impact Mobile, Mississauga's Allegro Mobile Solutions, Markham's Nightingale Informatix and Kitchener-Waterloo's Research In Motion.

The number-one fastest growing company on the Fast 50 list, ProSep, is from Montreal.

Also picking up hardware from the Ottawa area was **OneChip Photonics, which earlier this year was a beneficiary of a US\$19.5-million VC funding deal**. Along with Gatineau's Searidge Technologies and Ottawa's Telepin Software (OBJ's Fastest Growing Company in 2009), the firm was honoured with the Companies-to-Watch Award.

And while Ottawa struck out in the Technology Fast 50 Leadership category, local firm Energate was recognized in the Technology Green 15 ranking.

The Deloitte Fast 50 was developed over a decade ago and is meant to highlight the achievements of Canada's technology sector.