

Investing along the Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor (EATC) offers your business transportation efficiency and attractive cost advantages while connecting you to global markets for Agriculture, Energy, Aerospace/Defense and Manufacturing.

KEY ADVANTAGE

The EATC is strategically located, stretching via a series of High Load Corridors from the resource rich region of Northeast Alberta through to the U.S. border at the Wild Horse border crossing in Southeast Alberta, connecting to the Ports to Plains Corridor in the United States and Mexico.

RAIL ACCESS

CN and CP Rail have mainline or secondary lines with direct rail access points throughout the EATC. Exciting new railway infrastructure investments are being made:

- In the north, Lamont County has developed the Alberta Midland Railway Terminal, a rail logistics centre providing 3rd party rail logistics services to energy and agricultural customers.
- In the south, the Oyen Rail Yard & Logistics Park is capable of managing up to 2,500 cars annually, bringing in and shipping out a variety of materials ranging from specialty agricultural products to industrial components.

DIVERSIFIED ECONOMY

EATC has opportunities for investment in oil & gas, renewable energy, agriculture, aerospace & defence, unmanned vehicles, and more:

AGRICULTURE

Primary agriculture (9,000,000 acres of cropland and 12,000 farms) and agri-food industries take advantage of the fertile land and skilled producers that feed EATC high-tech processors. Agriculture business clusters including applied research facilities support agriculture investment. Exciting new sectors are emerging in the EATC like the growth and processing of industrial hemp for seed, fibre and CBD.

ENERGY

The EATC is a major part of the energy sector in Alberta. Along with significant heavy oil and gas developments, the region is recognized as having the best wind and solar potential in the province. The region has advanced development in bio-energy, wind power, and an excellent power distribution network for electricity.

AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE

Three Canadian Forces Bases provide excellent opportunities in the Aerospace and Defense sector. Over \$10M per year is spent on local procurement by these bases.

- Northeast Alberta is home to CFB Cold Lake, the premier fighter training Air Force base in Canada has one of the largest air weapons range in the world covering 11,700 sq. kms.

REAL ESTATE

Industrial real estate is affordable in the EATC, with serviced lots usually over 30% less expensive than major urban centres.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Post-secondary educational institutions in Medicine Hat, Vermilion, Lloydminster, Lac La Biche, Cold Lake and St. Paul provide a locally trained labour force and a variety of applied research facilities.

MANUFACTURING

The manufacturing sector in the EATC is worth billions per year. Eastern Alberta's manufacturing cluster is serving the growing needs in fabricated metal and equipment for sectors such as oil/gas and agriculture processing.

UNMANNED VEHICLE SYSTEMS (UVS)

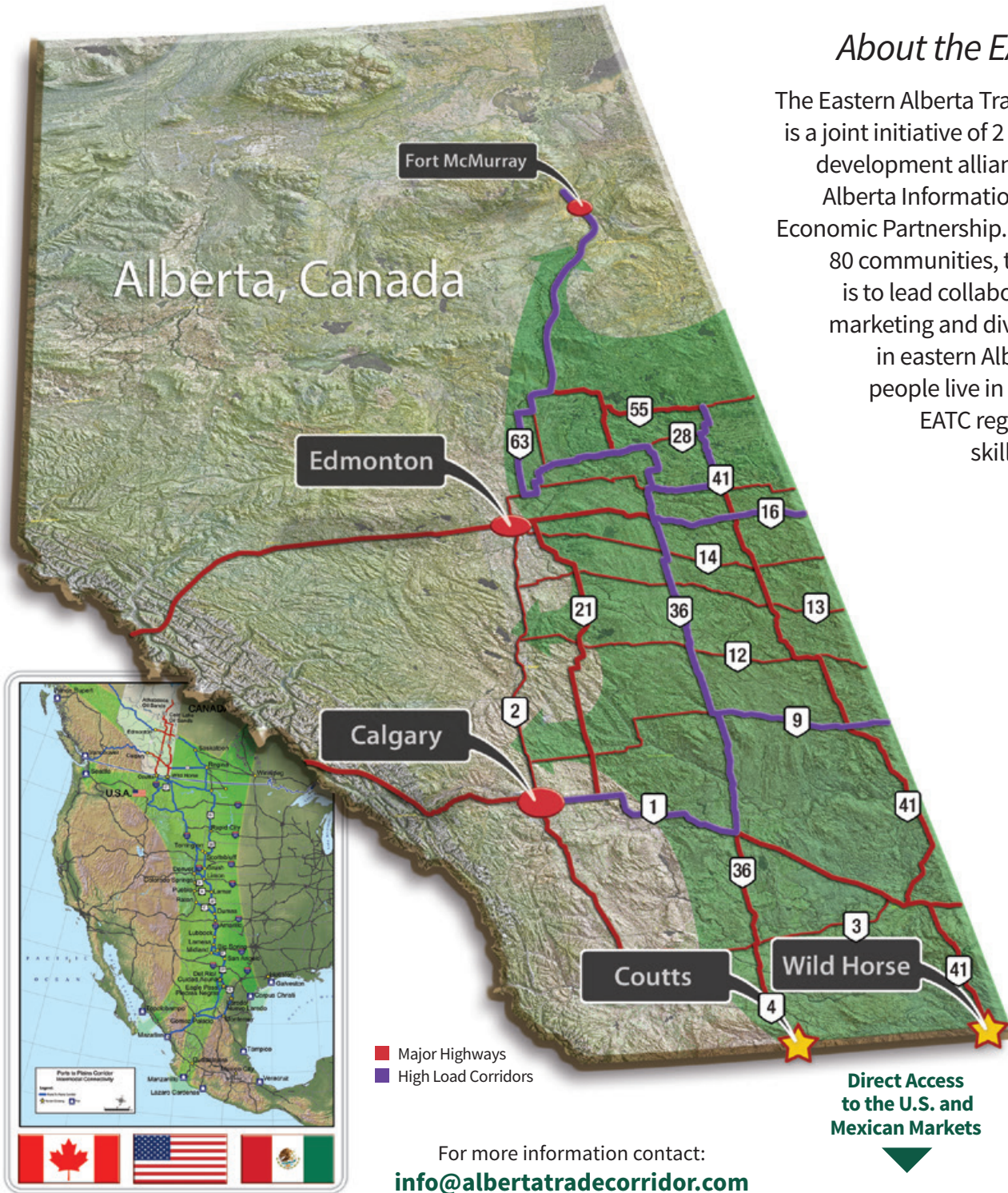
UVS are being developed extensively within the EATC, particularly with their applications in agriculture and oil and gas, and regional research facility assets:

- In the north, there is testing UVS of applications in a live environment taking place with the potential of leveraging the Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) initiative in the south.
- In the south, Foremost UAS Test Range which includes 700 square nautical miles of Class F Restricted airspace up to 18,000 feet ASL for BVLOS well suited for research, development, test and evaluation of platforms, payloads, communication and sense and avoid technologies.



We Mean Business

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About the EATC Initiative

The Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor (EATC) is a joint initiative of 2 regional economic development alliances, the Northeast Alberta Information HUB and Palliser Economic Partnership. Representing over 80 communities, the EATC's purpose is to lead collaborative investment, marketing and diversification efforts in eastern Alberta. Over 300,000 people live in the 121,841 sq. km EATC region offering a large skilled labour force for all industries.

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**Direct Access
to the U.S. and
Mexican Markets**

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