

Preface

Silicon Valley North: A High-Tech Cluster of Innovation and Entrepreneurship is an edited volume about the Canadian Silicon Valley, that is, Canada's National Capital Region (Ottawa-Gatineau). Although much is written about Silicon Valley in California and other Silicon regions around the world, and high technology entrepreneurial clusters are actively discussed by scholars and policy makers alike, the Silicon Valley North was not a subject of a special book. It was a combination of my interest in this topic with my vision of it as lacking an important component — a comprehensive cover of the Canadian Silicon Valley — that encouraged me to initiate the present project. I came to believe that the time was ripe for such a book, which would further advance the scientific understanding of economic clusters worldwide and fill an apparent niche in the literature on the topic.

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