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20 Newly-certified registrants

Registrant spotlight

Oladipo Olagunoye, CET, P.Eng.



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Arlington Bridge project — cover photo

Bringing the bridge down

For 114 years, the Arlington Bridge linked Winnipeg's North End and Point Douglas neighborhoods. In November 2023, the city permanently closed the aging structure due to safety and structural concerns. Active demolition is now underway. Visit the City of Winnipeg's [website](#) to track the project's progress and view future updates



Working together for our professions

CEO & Registrar Robert Okabe, and I recently met with the **Honourable Malaya Marcelino, Minister of Labour and Immigration**, to discuss CTTAM's vital regulatory role and explore clear strategic opportunities to strengthen the professional recognition of certified applied science technologists and technicians across Manitoba.

Legislative modernization and reserved practice framework

The Minister expressed strong support for our regulatory mandate. She noted that the provincial government is not prepared to advance reserved practice development until *The Engineering and Geoscientific Professions Act* rewrite project and the related work with Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba is completed.

She emphasized that this legislative modernization must conclude before government can consider any reserved practice framework for our organization.

Additional discussions

Strengthening recognition through provincial procurement

During the discussion, the Minister suggested — without making any binding commitments — that an opportunity may exist to strengthen the recognition of CTTAM certification through provincial procurement processes.

Embedding mandatory certification requirements directly into government procurement contracts could reinforce professional standards across public infrastructure projects without having to wait for extensive legislative changes.

Improving pathways for internationally educated arrivals (IEA)

We outlined the structural challenges faced by IEAs arriving in the province. Many IEAs do not have a good understanding or guidance on how they may already have the correct credentials to become certified.

This disconnect frequently leads newcomers to unnecessarily repeat Manitoba educational programs or settle for lower-paying jobs.

Bob and I emphasized that direct credential recognition through our association frequently leads directly to certification, which remains a primary requirement in most technical Manitoba job postings.

The Minister acknowledged these challenges and indicated that targeted improvements to IEA pathways could be productively explored through the Fair Registration Practices Office (FRPO).

The FRPO falls directly under her ministerial portfolio and is well-positioned to support fair, consistent and expedited access to professional certification.

Future regulatory priorities and next steps

Minister Marcelino noted that her immediate legislative priority remains focused on health-care professions. She also indicated that technologists and technicians are not off their scope as the government continues its multi-year regulatory modernization work.

On-going consultations

The meeting concluded positively, with the Minister expressing a strong interest in a follow-up meeting to learn more about the specific technical disciplines represented within our registration and the significant economic contributions our registrants make to Manitoba's economy.

Moving forward, we will continue our drive to make it mandatory for employers to ensure their technologists and technicians maintain active CTTAM registration. Notably, our latest salary survey shows that most registrant's dues are covered by their employer. We will also maintain our active collaboration with the **EngGeo's Act Change Project**.



Bernardo Pasco, C.E.T.,
PRESIDENT

From the desk of the CEO and Registrar

Summer update

Maintaining focus, salary survey results and celebrating a milestone

As we move through the summer season and into the fall, I want to commend our community for staying focused and dedicated to maintaining the high-professional standards that define our industry. While the summer months often bring a shift in pace, they also present an excellent opportunity to focus on long-term professional growth.

It's time!

I encourage everyone to utilize this season to complete your mandatory Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activities, ensuring your credentials remain current and robust.

Let's try not to leave it until the last minute. I bet you have already completed the two tasks needed — now it is simply a matter of making it formal and entering them on our website.

Taking a few minutes to update your profile today ensures you can face this fall fully refreshed, caught up and ready for what the rest of the year has to bring.

Updates

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to announce the release of our survey along with a new TAC accreditation of a RRC Polytech program.

2026 Salary Survey results — New this year additional analysis

Our comprehensive compensation study is now on our website. This year, we have introduced vital new questions mapping out remote work baseline changes, professional certification premiums, and AI tool integration that has provided additional analysis.

Qualitative analysis has been introduced via automated natural language tools to interpret open-ended responses — translating direct comments regarding benefit packages and member retention into actionable economic benchmarks for technology and applied sciences professionals across Manitoba. Also new to the report is a list of registrant employers with details showcasing key employers with ranked industries.

Salary Survey highlight results are on page 14 along with additional information on **why we chose to feature employer information in this survey**.

The complete survey is on our [website](#).

TAC RRC Polytech Program accreditation

In educational news, **Technology Accreditation Canada (TAC)** has officially accredited the **Municipal Engineering Technology program at RRC Polytech** from May 2026 to May 2030.



This third-party accreditation validates that the program has met Canada's most rigorous engineering technology standards across its curriculum, laboratories and student services.

We extend our sincere thanks to **Instructor Wayne Leeman** and **Dean Derek Kochenash** for their outstanding leadership during the comprehensive audit process.

Organizational statistics

New to our readers for we are sharing the latest registration data, which highlights **120 new registrants** joining our professional registry in 2025. Details are on page ten.

Province of Manitoba's time change survey

There is still time to make your voice heard regarding the future of seasonal clock adjustments in our province. The Manitoba government has an open online public consultation window via the *EngageMB Time Change Survey Portal* running until August 31.

You can weigh in on options like permanent daylight saving time, permanent standard time or keeping the status quo.



The Future of Time Change in Manitoba

Any potential shift in time policy — or the decision to keep the current process — will carry measurable health, safety and logistical impacts for local companies and individual sleep schedules across Manitoba. We highly encourage you to take a few moments to participate and share your perspectives.

Thank you all for your continued commitment to excellence. I wish you a safe, productive and work/line balanced remainder of the summer.



Robert Okabe, CTTAM CEO and Registrar

Robert (Bob) Okabe, C.E.T., FEC (Hon.), has been our CEO and Registrar since July 2015. He has a Civil Engineering Technology Diploma from RRC Polytech. Bob has served as Association President, Panel of Examiners Committee Member, CCTT Director and past Chair and Program Reviewer for CTAB and TAC.

Check out our new registrants

Congratulations and welcome to our recently certified



Technologists

Arim Lee, C.E.T.
Boris Telehanic, C.E.T.
Connor Piasecki, C.E.T.
Dylan Lintott, C.E.T.
Felipe De Sousa Vaz, C.E.T.
Karen Robles, C.E.T.
Lenin Salazar, C.E.T.
Marlou Medado, C.E.T.
Michael Tichon, C.E.T.
Zhi Lui, C.E.T.

Cooper Rankin Architecture Inc.
Affinity Architecture
MCW Consultants
L.V. Control Manufacturing Ltd.
JDB Projects Engineering
LM Architectural Group
Gerdau
Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries
Atom Jet Industries
Shared Health

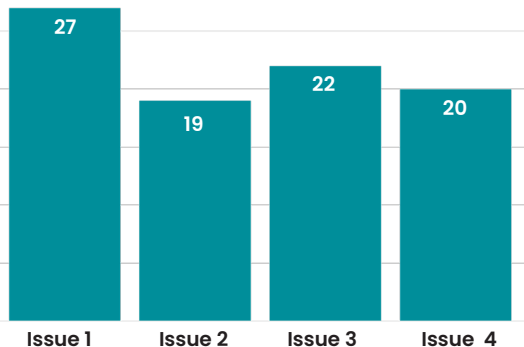
Technicians

Aaron Weidman, C. Tech.
Cetin Karasu, C. Tech.

Divya Arora, C. Tech.
Jazztyn Ramos, C. Tech.
Mandeep Cheema, C. Tech.
Marisol De La Cruz, C. Tech.
Raigama Perera, C. Tech.
Serhii Klishyn, C. Tech.
Shahista Saiyed, C. Tech.
Sina Kazemi, C. Tech.

Tamarak Industries
Comtech
(Communication Technologies) Ltd.
Government of Manitoba
Aski Geosciences
Canadian Pacific Railway
Gene's Telecom
Price industries Limited
DGH Engineering Ltd.
Self employed
Priority Electronics Ltd.

Number of newly certified
per newsletter issue



What does it mean to be certified?

Being certified earns our registrants the right to use one of two titles, Certified Engineering Technologist (C.E.T.) or Certified Technician (C. Tech.). Our professional registrants are highly attractive to employers and are recognized for their solid training and expertise. Certified registrants may also vote in our elections, hold office and participate on one of our many committees. Registrants can access discounts on different services and can explore career opportunities at the Canadian Technology Employment Network job bank at cten.ca.

Building on our connections

Strengthening our strategic partnerships



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Registrant spotlight

Oladipo (Dipo) Olagunoye, C.E.T., P.Eng.

Dipo has been a dedicated registrant with CTTAM since July 2018.

He works as a **Manufacturing Engineer at Standard Manufacturer Services Ltd.**

In his day-to-day role, Dipo plays a vital part in production floor optimization.

He works closely alongside cross-functional production, quality and maintenance teams to drive continuous improvements across three core areas: safety enhancement, productivity optimization and customer satisfaction.



Can you tell us your employer's name, your title and provide a short job description.

I am a Manufacturing Engineer at Standard Manufacturers Services Ltd.

I am responsible for improving manufacturing processes, product quality, and operational efficiency in an aluminum casting, machining and component assembly facility.

Where were you born? Where did you grow up?

I was born in Nigeria, where I also grew up and later moved to Poland.

What program of study did you take? And where?

I studied Food Engineering, earning a Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech.) in Nigeria. After moving to Canada, I completed a Mechanical Engineering Technology program at RRC Polytech in Winnipeg. I hold a Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech.) in Food Engineering from Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Nigeria and an MBA from the Skarbek Graduate School of Business Economics in Warsaw, Poland.

I am also a registered member of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba and hold the Professional Engineer (P.Eng.) designation.

These educational experiences have given me a strong foundation in engineering, manufacturing, quality systems, project management and business leadership.

What were your interests in high school?

In high school, I enjoyed mathematics, physics and technical subjects because they challenged me to think critically and solve problems.

I was fascinated by how machines and systems work, which sparked my interest in engineering. I also enjoyed participating in team activities, leadership opportunities and helping others, interests that continue

to influence both my professional career and community involvement.

Do you have a person/mentor in your life that influenced your education and career choices?

Yes. I have been blessed with several mentors throughout my life. My parents encouraged me to value education, integrity, and hard work from an early age. Throughout my engineering career, experienced managers, Technologist and professional engineers invested in my growth by challenging me to pursue excellence, continuous learning, and servant leadership.

Their guidance has inspired me to become not only a better engineer but also a mentor to others whenever I have the opportunity.

What are your main job responsibilities?

As Manufacturing Engineer at Standard Manufacturers Services Ltd., I am responsible for improving manufacturing processes, product quality, safety and productivity in the manufacturing plant.

My key responsibilities include:

- Developing and Standardizing Operating Procedures (SOPs) and work instruction;
- Investigating casting defects and implementing root cause corrective actions;
- Optimizing foundry coating, melting, and casting processes;
- Leading *Lean Manufacturing* and continuous improvement projects;
- Developing PFMEAs, Control Plans and quality documentation;
- Analyzing production data to improve efficiency and reduce scrap;
- Working with production, quality, maintenance and engineering teams to solve manufacturing challenges and
- Supporting new product launches and process improvements while ensuring a safe working environment.

Success in this role requires a strong engineering background, problem-solving skills, knowledge of manufacturing processes, Lean Six Sigma principles, project management, effective communication, and the ability to collaborate with cross-functional teams.

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Registrant spotlight

Oladipo (Dipo) Olagunoye, C.E.T.

How do you like to spend your time outside of work?

Outside of work, I enjoy spending quality time with my family, I am actively involved in my church, where I enjoy mentoring others, participating in community outreach and serving in leadership roles.

I also enjoy reading books on leadership, engineering, business and personal development. Whenever possible, I like playing golf, skating in winter, hunting, fishing, watching soccer and learning about new technologies, especially artificial intelligence and advanced manufacturing.

How do you like to start your day?

I like to start my day with prayer, Bible reading and a few moments of quiet reflection. This helps me stay focused and gives me a positive mindset for the day ahead.

After that, I enjoy a cup of warm water while reviewing my priorities and planning the day's activities before heading to work.

How do you like to end your day?

I like to end my day by spending time with my family, reflecting on what I accomplished and preparing for the next day. Before going to bed, I usually read a book or spend a few minutes in prayer and gratitude. Ending the day this way helps me maintain balance and keeps me motivated for the next day.

What's one thing you're learning now or leaned recently?

One thing I'm currently learning is how to apply artificial intelligence (AI) in manufacturing. I recently completed a *Micro-Credential in Artificial Intelligence in Advanced Manufacturing* course at RRC Polytech.

I learned how AI can be used to improve manufacturing processes through data-driven decision-making, predictive analytics, process optimization and quality improvement.

I'm now exploring how to combine AI with *Lean Manufacturing* principles to reduce defects, optimize production processes and support continuous improvement in aluminum foundries. It's an exciting field because it brings together engineering, data analysis, and innovation.

I believe AI will play an increasingly important role in the future of manufacturing.



Company profile Standard Manufacturer Services Ltd.

For 40 years, the company has been recognized as a premier specialist in the field of aluminum casting and manufacturing.

They partner with clients across numerous vital sectors, ranging from transportation and agriculture to marine and industrial applications.

As a true single-source partner, the company seamlessly guides production challenges all the way from initial design concepts through to the final delivered product.

Their highly experienced team of engineers, technical designers, and prototype developers consistently deliver tailored manufacturing solutions that exceed their clients' expectations.

Strategically located in Winnipeg, Manitoba, their 100,000-square-foot facility provides central geographic advantages, ensuring minimal shipping distances, easy logistical access for technical support, and rapid turnaround delivery times across North America.

Also check out their **website**.



The numbers behind our success

Growing our registrants



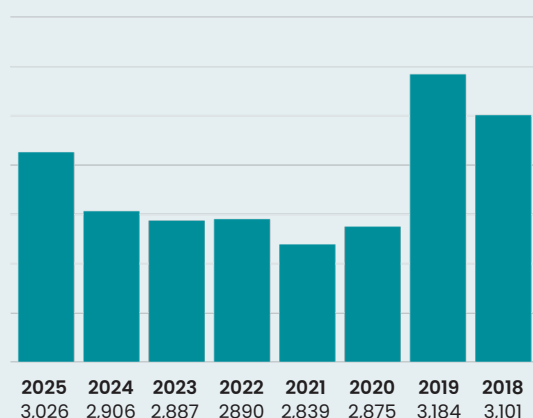
Editor's note

New to this newsletter are key figures that demonstrate exactly how we are growing our registry of certified professionals. These statistics help guide our strategic initiatives, highlight that our professional guidance is working, and provide vital insight into the changing demographics shaping the technology profession across Manitoba. By analyzing these year-over-year metrics, we can better adapt our regulatory programming, optimize student pathways, and deliver the targeted resources our certified engineering technologists and technicians need to excel in today's shifting workforce.

By the numbers



Number of registrants



Registry growth

CTTAM grew by 120 registrants in 2025 compared to 2024. This success is heavily driven by the efforts of past President, Shannon Nordal, in promoting professional designation value to students across certified disciplines, paving the way for a smoother, stronger transition into the Manitoba workforce.

Discover the value of certification at CTTAM.com.

Understanding our registrants

	2025	2024
C.E.T.	2180	2107
C.Tech.	339	307
A.Sc.T.*	2	3
Associates	64	75
Technician Specialist	10	10
Retired	69	68
Retired Life	257	237
Life Members	27	21

*The A.Sc.T. title is no longer assigned.

Certification levels

Our 2025 statistics reflect a strong, growing community of technical professionals across Manitoba, expanding by **120 registrants** over the previous year.

2026 — Number of registrants by discipline

Mechanical	442
Electrical	438
Civil	376
Electronics/Computer	308
Municipal	260
Structural	215
Architectural	147
Instrumentation	113
Environmental/Geosciences	95
Geomatics	53
Surveying	49
Design Drafting	42
Agricultural Engineering	25
Building Technology	20
Chemical	20
Industrial	18
Biological/Biomedical	17
Building Design CAD	14
Communication	9
Telecommunication	7
Construction	6
Information Technology	6
Aviation	4
Aeronautical	3
Construction Management	3
Mineral Resources/Metallurgy	3
GIS Technology	2
Power Engineer	2
System Operator	2
Wood Manufacturing	2
Renewable Resources	1
Total	2,702*

*Only registrants who are currently working.

Registrant professions

Our 2026 registry numbers reflect the diverse industrial footprint of engineering technology across Manitoba.



Ready to reclassify?

Explore our technical exam pathway



If you are currently certified as a C. Tech. (Certified Technician), you can leverage your accumulated technical knowledge, workplace experience and additional education to achieve the C.E.T. (Certified Engineering Technologist) designation.

Who should write?

The technical examination is designed to test the skill and knowledge of certified technicians in good standing. After writing and passing a technical exam, technicians can submit a reclass application through the Technology Registration Canada website providing that they have a minimum of one year of relevant work experience at the technologist level that can be validated by three references.

Exam purpose

The primary purpose of the technical examination is to identify capable professionals who possess the requisite technical competencies in their chosen engineering technology discipline.

Format

Structure: The examination consists of 110 multiple-choice questions, which include data graphs, technical diagrams, schematics and questions requiring precise mathematical calculations.

Options: Each question provides four answer options, with only one correct response.

Parameters: Questions vary in cognitive difficulty. The exam is closed-book and has a strict three-hour duration.

Available disciplines

There are ten distinct technical examinations available to match your specific technical focus:

- Architectural;
- Civil;
- Construction;
- Electrical;
- Electronics;
- Engineering Design and Drafting;
- Instrumentation;
- Mechanical;
- Petroleum and
- Fundamentals of Technology

Background and collaboration

These technical exams were originally developed by the Association of Science and Engineering Technology Professionals of Alberta (ASET) as a key structural mechanism for technicians to reclassify to a technologist designation.

Due to the significant capital costs associated with independent exam development, CTTAM partnered with ASET to provide this excellent professional advancement opportunity directly to our Manitoba registrants.

To ensure complete regulatory integrity, Canadian educators and senior technology professionals thoroughly reviewed the exam content to guarantee that all modules encompass the appropriate technical scope of knowledge.

Technical exam study guide

Four core technical knowledge quadrants

1. Technical analysis

Data interpretation, modeling and analytical calculations

2. Technical design

Developing schematics, system layouts and applying engineering principles

3. Technical evaluation

Assessing system performance, quality auditing, and testing operational specifications

4. Project coordination

Scheduling workflows, managing documentation and team allocation

Technical exams have been available to registrants since 2017. It is important to note that one year of relevant work experience at the technologist level along with writing and passing a technical exam is required to submit a reclass application.

2026 exam schedule

Exam date	Registration deadline
Sept. 23	August 26
Oct. 28	September 30
November 25	October 28

Please note that the dates are subject to change.

Anyone wanting to explore this option further should visit our [website](#).



Securing your workforce: Verifying technical credentials with CTTAM

In today's competitive engineering and technology sectors, hiring the right technical talent is critical to maintaining project safety, efficiency and compliance.

For employers across Manitoba, evaluating job applicants who claim the Certified Engineering Technologist (C.E.T.) or Certified Technician (C. Tech.) designations requires a reliable and robust verification process.

CTTAM serves as the official provincial regulatory body under *The Certified Applied Science Technicians and Technologists Act*. To support human resource professionals and hiring managers and teams, we provide a seamless, definitive credential verification system. This process protects your business from qualification fraud and ensures compliance with Manitoba's CET and C.Tech. certification standards.



Regulatory notice

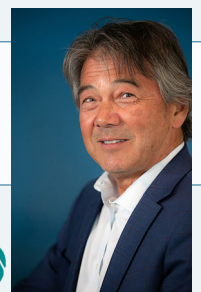
The Technology Professionals Canada withdraws from International Engineering Alliance

The Technology Professionals Canada (TPC) has formally withdrawn as Canada's signatory to the International Engineering Alliance (IEA), effective December 31, 2025.

Canadian technologists and technicians will no longer be eligible to use the "IntET" or "IntETn" designations. This decision follows a comprehensive review process. TPC remains committed to supporting the engineering technology and applied science profession in Canada and internationally.

Registrants who were previously issued the IntET or IntETn international designations are no longer authorized to use these credentials.

Robert Okabe, CTTAM CEO and Registrar



Behind the lens Capturing our connected community



While our Board of Directors works tirelessly behind the scenes to guide regulatory policy and champion our professions across Manitoba, one board member is also pulling double duty on the front lines of our community events — right behind the camera lens.

At recent CTTAM gatherings, from our networking events to the celebrations honoring newly certified C.E.T. and C. Tech. registrants, you have likely spotted **Clive Bryson C.E.T.**, actively documenting the day.

Thank you Clive!

Volunteering personal time, equipment and a sharp creative eye, this dedicated director captures the milestones and the events that define CTTAM. Having a board member personally document these achievements adds a unique layer of camaraderie and recognition to the photos. The next time you are attending one of our events, make sure to smile for the camera — and take a brief moment to thank our resident board photographer for helping capture the faces and milestones shaping Manitoba's engineering technology landscape!



Clive is a distinguished professional in the field of Transportation Technology. Originally from Jamaica, he relocated to Canada in 2018 to pursue new opportunities and further his education. In 2021, he graduated with honors in Municipal Technology from Red River College, showcasing his dedication to academic and professional excellence. Clive began his career as a Surveying Technician at Pollock and Wright, where he gained hands-on experience in land surveying and municipal development. In April 2022, he transitioned to the KGS Group, where he currently serves as a Municipal/Transportation Technologist. In this role, he contributes to infrastructure projects that enhance transportation systems and urban development.

In memory Lori Royal — Skills Manitoba

It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Lori Royal, from Skills Manitoba. A dedicated leader, mentor and beloved champion of Manitoba's skilled trades community, Lori will be deeply missed.

As the longtime Program Director at Skills Canada Manitoba, Lori dedicated her life's work to empowering young people and building a stronger workforce across the province. Lori was an invaluable pillar of the Skills Manitoba team.

Lori volunteered at various CTTAM and Skills Manitoba sponsored events such as the annual *Young Women's Conference* and the *Wind Turbine Competition* held at RRC Polytech.

She will be deeply missed by her family, her friends, her colleagues at Skills Canada Manitoba, us at CTTAM and the wider technical education community.

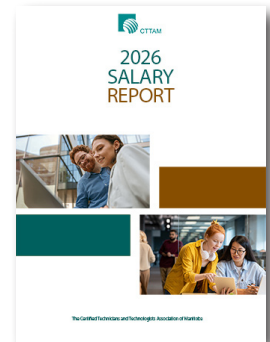


Our Salary Survey results are in!

630 registrants took the survey

Some quick survey facts:

- **2,558 registrants** were eligible to participate;
- 630 responded for a **25% response rate**;
- The 2026 **average student hourly wage is \$23.00** and
- New questions, additional analysis and registrant employer tracking added to this year's report.

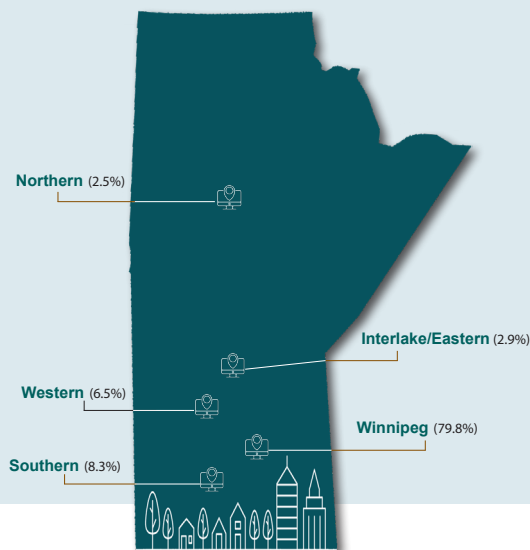


This year's survey features new questions tracking remote work baselines, professional certification premiums and AI workplace analysis integration.

These targeted additions have provided the foundation for our enhanced analysis of current employee compensation and workplace employer dynamics.

The complete survey is on our [website](#).

Location of employment



Additional analysis — registrant employers and disciplines < New for 2026

Registrant's industry of employment

Industry category	Approximately	Share of total	Key employers
Energy & Utilities	~340+	~14.5%	Dominated by Manitoba Hydro (310), also Integrated Power Services, Canadian Nuclear Labs, Tundra Oil & Gas, Centra Gas, etc.
Government & Public Sector	~420+	~18%	City of Winnipeg (213), Manitoba Infrastructure & Transportation, Government of Manitoba, City of Brandon, various RMs, Defence Construction, Shared Health-related entities
Engineering & Consulting	~320–350	~14–15%	KGS Group (40), WSP (32), Stantec (30), Dillon (23), AECOM (22), DGH Engineering (20), Crosier Kilgour (19), Tower Engineering, SMS, MCW/AGE, etc.
Manufacturing	~250+	~11%	New Flyer (45), Price Industries (32), MacDon (17), Buhler (14), Motor Coach Industries, PTI Transformers, Monarch, Carte International, 3M, WinPak, etc.
Construction	~150+	~6–7%	PCL (14), Penn Co (12), Bird Construction (10), Bituminex, FWS, Bockstael, Contemporaria Steel, Qualico, Nelson River, Vector, etc.
Aerospace & Aviation	~100	~4.3%	Standard Aero (36), Magellan Aerospace (26), Boeing Canada (23), NAV Canada (8), Bristol Aerospace
Healthcare	~80–90	~3.5–4%	Shared Health (17), Health Sciences Centre (12), St. Boniface (8), Prairie Mountain Health, CancerCare, various hospitals and WRHA entities
Telecommunications	~30+	~1.3%	BellMTS (12), Shaw (10), Rogers, Alcom, Prairie Mobile
Education & Research	~30+	~1.3%	RRC Polytech (14), University of Manitoba (6), University of Winnipeg, school divisions
Transportation	~20+	~1%	Winnipeg Airports Authority (8), Canadian Pacific Railway, GE Transportation, TransCanada Pipelines
Other / Specialized	Large remainder	~30%+	Very diverse: Automation & Control, Environmental, Food Processing, Building Materials, Mining, Security systems, Design/Architecture firms, Real Estate, Indigenous organizations, retail, etc.

Total registrants: 2,337 across ~660+ employers, major industry groups (grouped for clarity).

Key takeaways

- Highest concentration: Energy (Manitoba Hydro alone = 13.3% of all members) and Government/Public Sector;
- Strong professional services base: Engineering and consulting firms form one of the largest coherent groups;
- Manufacturing and Construction together represent a solid industrial footprint (~17–18%);
- Aerospace is a clear specialized cluster in Manitoba and
- Hundreds of employers fall into niche or "Other" categories, showing broad technical employment across the province.

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A day of networking and community

On Thursday, June 18, the Making Links Engineering Classic golf tournament was held at Quarry Oaks in Steinbach.

The tournament, organized by the Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba (EngGeoMB), provided a day on the links for golf, prizes and an opportunity to network with fellow professionals. In attendance were several current and past CTTAM Board of Directors members.



Thanks to the incredible support of sponsors, golfers, volunteers and the engineering community, EngGeoMB raised \$20,960.00 for the Price Faculty of Engineering at the University of Manitoba.

Photo courtesy of Leif Anderson.



From L to R: Glenn Lelyk, Board Lay Person; Andrew Procca, Past President; Robert Okabe, CTTAM CEO & Registrar and Bernardo Pasco, President.

Investments for the future

Helping students realize their full potential

Donations from our registrants and RRC Polytech alumni has helped the college grow into a robust and agile educational institution



Endowments



Endowments help technology students at the college to not only successfully graduate but also to become valued working professionals in the applied sciences industries within Manitoba.

Donations

CTTAM graciously accepts donations to this endowment fund on our registrants behalf. Donors will receive a tax receipt directly from RRC Polytech.

How it works

RRC endowments are monetary gifts where the college invests the entire donation. Only the interest is used to fund initiatives for the purpose established at the time the fund was initiated. You can add to the endowment fund at any time.

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- Transform learning and research spaces;
- Enhance a student's experience;
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Information on established endowments and details on how to donate, can also be found on the RRC Polytech's [website](#).

The generosity of our registrants inspires us everyday. Thank you for your significant contributions.



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