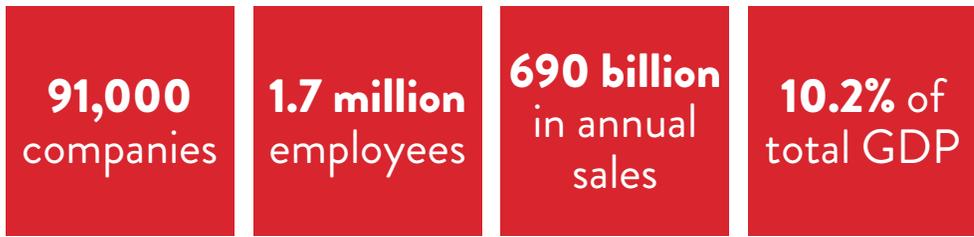


Electoral platform

Manufacturing Now



Since 1871, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters has made a difference for Canada's manufacturing and exporting communities. Fighting for their future. Saving them money. Helping them grow. We have earned an extensive and effective track record of working for and with 2,500 leading companies nationwide. More than 85 per cent of CME's members are small and medium-sized enterprises. As Canada's leading business network, CME's membership network accounts for an estimated 82 per cent of total manufacturing production and 90 per cent of Canada's exports.



A plan to bounce back

The manufacturing sector was deeply wounded by COVID-19, but this is not the only reason why it's falling behind. Since the early 2000s, a steady decline in investment and a lack of comprehensive industrial strategy at the federal level, is causing the drop. Canadian manufacturing is ready for its next challenge and ready to lead again. However, we need a partner in the federal government to do so.

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Stimulate investment in innovation and advanced technologies

Reform of the SR&ED tax credit program to make it refundable to all sizes of companies and directly support process innovations and commercialization, rather than just scientific research.

Increase Canadian exports

Introduce domestic procurement reforms that promote domestic innovation and production while getting rid of the lowest bidder rule, while including economic and environmental performance as part of the bidding process.

Adopt a net-zero strategy

Implement an effective and targeted SME transition strategy, with a specific focus on global supply chain competitiveness.





Get the workers we need

1. Increase immigration targets by 500,000 economic class immigrants/year by 2030 and change the definition of “skills” to include a wider array of skills needed by employers.
2. Increase threshold of the temporary foreign workers program to 20% for low wage stream of workers.
3. Simplify and shorten the pathways to residency for foreign students and temporary foreign workers, in part by allowing students to claim work experience while in school as Canadian work experience.
4. Increase the size of the Canada Jobs Grant to \$1 billion annually, make it permanent, and expand it to include on the job training.
5. Implement a tax credit for training.
6. Expand funding that supports inclusion programs for under-represented groups – especially women and indigenous Canadians – through programs that encourage persons from these communities to enter the sector.
7. Expand funding to increase awareness campaigns about careers in the sector, such as Open-Doors for youth.
8. Support young Canadians involvement in the workplace by implementing flexible childcare programs.



Stimulate investment in innovation and advanced technologies

9. Return SR&ED investment tax credit basic rate to 20% and include a refundable component for all claimants.
10. Implement a direct investment tax credit of 10% for all new capital equipment purchases for all sizes of companies in all regions.
11. Expand and make permanent the Accelerated Cost of Capital Allowance (ACCA) that allow companies to write-down new capital depreciations.
12. Expand and make permanent the Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF) and commit at least \$2.5 billion in annual funding to support large capital projects in manufacturing.
13. Relaunch investment support grant programs for smaller firms, modelled after the successful CME SMART programs that operated after the previous recession.
14. Introduce a patent box savings program that provides a lower tax rate on new products during the commercialization stage.



Increase Canadian Exports

15. Implement a “Canada Made” promotional campaign that celebrates goods that are proudly made right here.
16. Introduce domestic procurement reforms that promote domestic innovation and production while getting rid of the lowest bidder rule. This could be achieved by including economic and environmental performance as part of the bidding process.
17. Facilitate access to reliable, quality transportation infrastructure that allows manufacturers and exporters to compete in global markets.
18. Provide an export tax credit of 10% that lowers the taxes paid on exported products to encourage increased exports.
19. Fund the creation of an Exporter Concierge Service that enables trade associations to develop programs that link their members to government export agencies and services.
20. Expand funding for SME’s through existing programs: RDA’s/ EDC/CCC/BDC.



Adopt a Net-Zero Strategy

21. Implement an effective and targeted SME transition strategy, with a specific focus on global supply chain competitiveness.
22. Create a \$1 billion small business grants program similar to SIF that supports net zero and de-risking technologies for small manufacturers.
23. Broaden the scope of the proposed Tax Reduction for Zero-Emission Technology Manufacturing to include low emission technologies, thus accounting for the fact that there are multiple pathways to reduce GHG emissions.
24. Introduce refundable 10% tax credits aimed at commercializing green technologies.
25. Expand and make permanent the Net Zero Accelerator Fund for at least \$2.5 billion annually for large emission reduction projects in manufacturing, reduce administrative burden and increase predictability.
26. Set up pilot projects adapted to the reality of the different provinces to support companies that wish to adopt and test new technologies.
27. Introduce a border adjustment tax (BAT) that would be fully aligned with our key trading partners.