

BACKGROUND

What is Alberta Vision 2020?

- Vision 2020 is a new multi-year public policy research project by the Alberta Chambers of Commerce (ACC) and the Certified General Accountants of Alberta (CGA-Alberta), examining demographic trends into the future, to help determine policy directions for the Government of Alberta.

How often will Vision 2020 be released?

- ACC and CGA-Alberta will be updating the demographic model yearly to ensure its relevancy. Various timely subtopics will also be authored to provide more specific policy direction on a given issue. The next scheduled topic has a target date of completion in early 2005.

Why did the ACC and CGA-Alberta decide to partner on such a project?

- As leaders in Alberta's business community, ACC and CGA-Alberta partnered on this project to provide the government of Alberta with policy direction beyond the current political cycles. The release of the first report is particularly timely with the looming provincial election and the current consultations concerning Alberta's debt-free future.

About the Alberta Chambers of Commerce (ACC)

- A federation of 127 Chambers of Commerce, which in turn represent over 22,000 businesses, the Alberta Chambers of Commerce ensures its members' business interests are improved through the development and advocacy of policy to the provincial and federal governments.
- To assist members in expanding their business potential, the Alberta Chambers coordinates its efforts with its local Chambers of Commerce to achieve the lowest possible tax and regulatory environment.

About the Certified General Accountants Association of Alberta (CGA-Alberta)

- The Certified General Accountants (CGA) Association of Alberta is a self-regulating, self-financing organization of professional accountants, created in the interests of Albertans to educate, regulate and represent CGAs in Alberta. CGA-Alberta is charged with establishing and enforcing the professional competency and ethical standards of the CGA membership.
- The CGA Program of Professional Studies is offered throughout Canada and in 17 countries around the globe, including the Caribbean and Asia. There are now 55,000 CGA members across Canada, including over 5,000 CGA members and students in the province of Alberta.
- Certified General Accountants are at the heart of Alberta's economy, occupying key positions in business, industry, academia and government. CGAs are business-tested professionals with advanced training in finance, auditing, taxation, and management accounting as well as information management systems and strategic business management.

Where can I get additional information on Alberta Vision 2020?

- All information relevant to Alberta Vision 2020 is posted on the following website www.albertavision2020.ca.