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Key Facts

The NWT is the third largest jurisdiction in Canada

Territory/ State	Size (sq. km)	Population	GDP 2008 in millions (current dollars)	GDP per Capita
NWT	1,346,111	43,700	\$ 5,103	\$ 116,773
Yukon	482,443	34,246	\$1,934	\$ 56,474
Alaska	1,717,862	700,000	\$51,650	\$ 73,786

Mining

- **Three operating diamond mines**
- **\$1.5 billion in annual diamond sales**
- **Four advance stage projects**
- **Significant future potential**
- **Local benefits and responsible mining**

- **\$16 billion Mackenzie Valley pipeline project nearing approval – basin opening project.**
- **2009 – oil exports of \$500+ million**
- **2009 – natural gas exports of \$40 million**
- **Environmentally responsible**

The NWT has tremendous alternative and renewable energy potential in:

- **Hydro - Over 11,000 megawatts of potential.**
- **Geothermal**
- **Biomass**
- **Wind**

Taltson Overview



- 36 - 56 MW hydroelectric plant
- 700 km - transmission line
- 250 - 400 GWh per year to Northern diamond mines.
- \$720 million cost
- Replaces 100 million litres of fuel annually

Mackenzie Valley Highway



Marine and Rail Connections



Tourism

- **Aurora tourism**
- **Adventure tourism**
- **Meetings and Conventions**
- **Cooperation in marketing**

Communication

- **Significant progress – most communities have high speed.**
- **Some NWT companies, like SSI Micro – world leaders in remote services**
- **However, NWT is still lagging southern regions.**
Priority areas for upgrading:
 - **Satellite access**
 - **Cell phone coverage**
 - **Broadband**

Fiber Optics connection to southern communication hubs

Conclusion - Opportunities

- **Alaska, Yukon and NWT have common interests, and common opportunities.**
- **NWT has a strong non-renewable resource base, challenges related to infrastructure, energy and costs.**
- **Energy costs are a large concern, but could be a major opportunity.**
- **Tourism, especially business meeting and adventure travel, represent vastly undeveloped opportunities for all regions.**
- **Mackenzie highway could build on existing linkages between PNWER regions (Dempster and Liard highways).**
- **The NWT is looking forward to collaborating with our neighbours in find ways to strengthen our economies and quality of life.**