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Learning Centre
Markham, Ontario, Canada

Student Information Pack

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OVERVIEW:

We hope you will enjoy your learning experience at our Grid IQ Learning Centre in Markham. This information pack provides you with details about our location, travelling, accommodation, eating out and finally our site policies. If you need further information or support drop us a line at the learning and developments team e-mail address given herein.

ATTENDANCE PREREQUISITES :

Students must have completed all course prerequisites in order to attend a course workshop session these are clearly defined in the course guide.



ABOUT MARKHAM:

Markham is a city in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) of Southern Ontario, Canada with a population of ~ 301,000 plus. Markham is the fourth-largest community within the GTA after Toronto, Mississauga and Brampton. It is situated north east of the center of downtown Toronto. Markham is a mix of high tech business and residential housing.



ABOUT GREATER TORONTO AREA:

The Greater Toronto Area (GTA) is a metropolitan area with a population of approx. 6.5 million people. It is situated on the north side of Lake Ontario. The GTA is defined as the central city of Toronto, and the four regional municipalities that surround it: Durham, Halton, Peel, and York. The city of Markham is in the York Region.



WEATHER:

In this area of North America the weather varies significantly throughout the year from -20c to + 30c, without wind chill and humidity factors, so it is difficult to say what to wear or what to bring, best to check out the weather network link, before you travel.

<http://www.theweathernetwork.com/us/weather/canada/ontario/toronto>

OUR OFFICE LOCATION:

GE Grid Solutions
650 Markland St,
Markham, Ontario,
Canada L6C 0M1
T: 905-927-7070

E: Training.multilin@ge.com



classroom

virtual classroom

mobile labs

tablets

e-learning

STAY CONNECTED:

There are many resources at your disposal.



TORONTO PEARSON INTERNATIONAL (YYZ):

This is the main international hub for visiting the GTA area, more info can be found on the service and flight arrivals/departures at:

<http://www.torontopearson.com/index.aspx#>



Grid IQ Learning Centre Markham, Ontario, Canada

Ground Transportation and Accommodation

ADDRESS

GE Grid Solutions
650 Markland St, Markham, Ontario, Canada L6C 0M1

FROM AIRPORT BY CAR (two routes)

401 ROUTE: (approx. 40/60 min, subject to traffic conditions, distance 40km/25 ml).

1. Exit airport and follow green signs for Hwy 401 East.
2. Exit Hwy 401 at Hwy 404 Northbound.
3. Continue north to Major Mackenzie Dr.
4. Turn right (eastbound) on Major Mackenzie Dr.
5. Turn right on Markland St.
6. GE Digital Energy is on the West side of Markland St.

407 (Electronic Toll Road) ROUTE: (approx. 25 min, distance 40km/25 ml).

NOTE: Toll fees apply and will be billed to you directly or via car rental company

1. Exit airport and follow blue signs for Hwy 407 East.
2. Merge to Hwy 404 Northbound.
3. Continue North to Major Mackenzie Dr.
4. Turn right (eastbound) on Major Mackenzie Dr.
5. Turn right on Markland St.
6. GE Digital Energy is on the West side of Markland St.

<http://www.407etr.com/tolls/tolls-explained.html>

[Goggle Maps link: Toronto Person Airport to 650 Markland](#)



TAXI/LIMO LINKS

http://www.gtaairporttaxi.com/taxi_flat_rates

<http://www.torontopearson.com/en/toandfrom/taxilimo/#>

<http://markhamcitytaxi.com/>

CAR RENTAL

- Toronto Pearson Airport supports all major car rental companies.

Rental Locations in Markham

- Hertz, 4 Laidlaw Blvd, Markham, L3P 1B9 Phone: 905 294- 7195
- Avis, 8500 Warden Avenue, Markham, ON, L6G 1A5, Phone: 905-305-0004
- Budget, 7604 Woodbine Avenue, Markham, ON, L3R 2N2 Phone:905-477-0460

ACCOMMODATION

There are many hotels located in the Markham area, typically only 15 minutes away from our facility at 650 Markland.

Some are listed below, for a comprehensive list with pricing, please visit link:

<http://www.canadianhotelguide.com/ca/Ontario-hotels/Markham-hotels.html>

Note: Toronto downtown is approx.; 40km/25ml away from the office with very heavy traffic this can take anywhere from 60 to 90 minutes to reach the office, therefore we do not advise staying downtown Toronto when attending training at 650 Markland.



Courtyard By Marriott

65 Minthorn Blvd, Markham, L3T 7N5
Telephone: +1 905-707-6533



Delta Hotel

50 East Valhalla Dr, Markham, L3R 0A3
Telephone: +1 905-477-2010



Hilton Garden Inn

300 Commerce Drive, Markham, L3T 7X3
Telephone: +1 905 709-8008



Hilton Suites Conference Centre & Spa

8500 Warden Avenue, Markham, L6G 1A5,
Telephone: +1-905-470-8500



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Holiday Inn Hotel And Suites

7095 Woodbine Ave, Markham, L3R 1A3
Telephone: +1-905-474-0444



Holiday Inn Express & Suites

10 E Pearce St, Richmond Hill, L4B 0A8
Telephone: +1 905-695-5990



Homewood Suites by Hilton®

50 Bodrington Court, Markham, ON
L6G0A9
Telephone: +1 905-477-4663



Park Inn by Radisson

555 Cochrane Drive Markham, ON L3R
8E3
Telephone: +1 905-479-5000



Monte Carlo Inns

8900 Woodbine Avenue, Markham, L3R
5K6
Telephone: +1 905-513-8100



Staybridge Suites

355 South Park Rd, Markham, L3T 7W2
Telephone: +1 905-771-9333

EATING OUT

Depending where you stay your hotel may have a on site restaurant, however there a plenty of places to eat and socialize in the Markham area and close to the office.

Below we list some information that might be useful to help you choose or visit <http://www.restaurantica.com/>

CLOSE BY OFFICE/HOTELS:

Cachet Village (strip mall)

NE corner of Major McKenzie and Markland (opposite GE site)

- Starbucks, Subway, Harvey's, Swiss Chalet, Boston Pizza and Montana's.

Leslie Centre (strip mall)

Leslie and Major McKenzie 2km/1.2ml west of office

- Tim Horton's, Fresh Co supermarket, Hero's burger bar, Kenny's Gourmet.

York Blvd (restaurant strip mall)

North West corner of 404 and Highway Seven

- Marlowe's, The Keg steakhouse, Boston Pizza, Alice Fazooli's, CHAKO Barbecue Sushi, destiny, Bulgogi Brothers, Touro Churrascaria | Brazilian Steakhouse, Dragon Boat Fusion, Honest Lawyer, Fox & Fiddle & Caffe Demetre

Rear of Hilton Garden (strip mall)

Highway Seven and Commerce Valley Drive

- Bombay Bhel, Go for Tea & Baton Rouge

Unionville high street

Off Highway Seven, 3.6km/2.2ml east of Hilton Suites

- Il Postino Ristorante, Blacksmith Bistro, Country Inn, plus many more.

TOURISM

If you are coming early to our course, staying over a weekend or simply want to spend the evening seeing some of the sights.

Below we list some information that might be useful to help you decide what to do.

VISIT TORONTO

Centre of Toronto is approx.; 40km/25ml and can take anywhere from 30 to 90 min's to travel subject to time of day/traffic.



<http://www.toronto.ca>

<http://www.toronto.com/>

VISIT NIAGARA FALLS

Niagara Falls is approx.; 170km/106ml from Markham and can take anywhere from 2 to 3 hours to travel subject to time of day/traffic.



<http://niagarafallstourism.com/>

<http://www.niagarabustour.com/>

SHOPPING

Markville Shopping Centre, 5000 Hwy 7 E, Markham, L3R 4M9
10.5km/6.7ml from GE office.

PHARMACY, CHEMIST/DRUG STORE

Shoppers, Cachet Village (strip mall) opposite office.



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Site Policy's

To help make your time at the GE Grid IQ Learning Centre as enjoyable as possible we have a few simple policies that we ask you to follow while on the GE site. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to approach the training instructor for further clarification.

Thanks again for making the GE Grid IQ Learning Centre part of your training program.

We hope to see you back again soon.

SAFETY:

At the beginning of a course, the training instructor will advise on our site safety procedures.

- this will include site access/egress including fire exit procedures.
- students must wear the provided PPE throughout any plant tour i.e. safety glasses, ESD smocks and toe protection.
- no food or drinks are permitted in the Learning Centre.

TOBACCO FREE:

All GE facilities are tobacco free zones.

No smoking is allowed on site whatsoever, to use tobacco you must leave the site this includes the external areas of the site such as the parking lot. This includes electronic or vapor devices

SECURITY

On arrival each day students will be registered at reception and issued with a security tag.

- this must be visible at all times while on site.
- students must remain in the Learning Centre or the 650 Bistro at all times.
- If you need access to other areas of the building please contact the training instructor to arrange an escort.
- photography, video and audio recording is strictly prohibited on site at all times.
- GE is not responsible for personal belongings so please secure them, and make sure not to leave them on site overnight.

650 BISTRO:

- this is where all food and beverages are served.
- the Learning Centre is directly accessed from the Bistro.
- it is self service at no charge to students (within reason).
- morning/afternoon snacks/drinks are available between 08:00 and 15:30.
- lunch will also be served in the bistro between 12:00 and 13:30.

PARKING:

there is plenty of parking but limited visitor parking which is designed for short stay, we respectfully ask students to find an unreserved spot in the main parking lot.



