

CAV Talent Catalyst Pilot Program

Success Story: EasyMile

The Story

Nathan Ramsay is the Assistant Project Manager for EasyMile, a company located in Denver Colorado which provides software and complete solutions for driverless mobility and goods transportation. Easy mile supports passenger vehicles by creating virtual railroad tracks for passenger vehicles to ride on.

Invest Ottawa has partnered with EasyMile on pilot projects involving self-driving vehicles. Together, in November of 2020, they were the first to launch an on-road electric low-speed automated shuttle (LSAS) trial of its kind in Ontario. In partnership with Transport Canada, the City of Ottawa, and other partners, the project worked with the ministry to help establish guidelines, policies, and regulations for the future.

For the recent CAV Talent Catalyst Pilot Program, Invest Ottawa established a partnership with Easy Mile based on their expertise in the connected and autonomous vehicle sector. EasyMile developed content to deliver technical workshops and demonstrate the technology behind their product.

The Obstacle

The biggest challenge EasyMile encountered with the program was delivering the state-of-



the-art program in a global pandemic. Getting the right people in the room to train was another challenge.

Invest Ottawa balanced that nicely by recruiting participants from Invest Ottawa stakeholder groups including universities, clients and municipal and government staff. All participants had a varied background that benefitted from the training that was offered.

The Solution

Some candidates struggled with the overwhelming amount of course material, but as instructors broke the material down into smaller chunks of information, the participants found it easier to learn and digest the material. All participants successfully passed the assessment at the end of the week, proving that the learning program was effective.



The Update and the Future

There was a real mix of candidates which was an asset for the program. The candidates also offered the opportunity to the facilitator to take the direct feedback from the candidates regarding the implementation of the program and to make improvements based on their suggestions.

Nathan is thrilled that Invest Ottawa is leading the way and being proactive by training the future workforce. As the new technology is coming, it makes sense to start training now to future proof new technology and opportunities.

Testimonial



“I was part of the original CAV project with Invest Ottawa that took place in November of last year. An important key to the success of these projects is finding partners with a high-level of enthusiasm and excitement. Along with the passion for the technology comes the ability to digest the information and come up with practical solutions to incorporate CAV technology into their respective transportation infrastructure. Invest Ottawa and their partners have been tremendous leaders in learning about, teaching and implementing CAV technology now!” - Nathan Ramsay, Assistant Project Manager, EasyMile

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