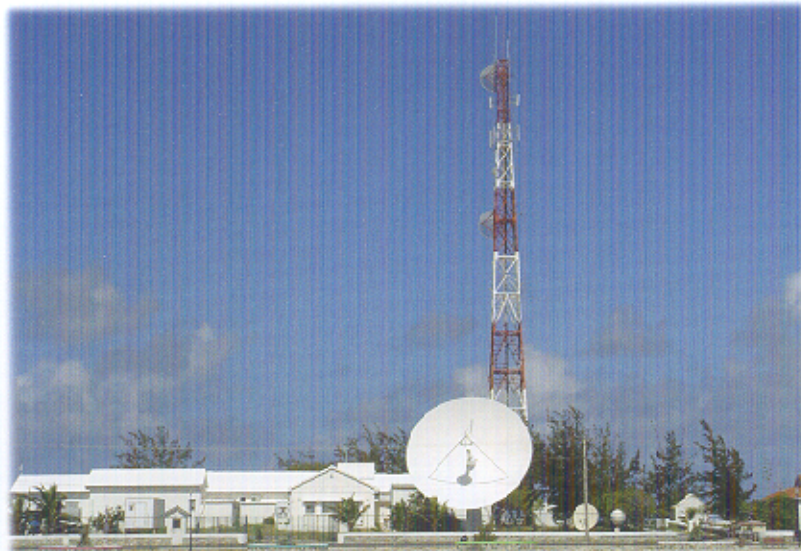


technology

The Turks and Caicos Islands can boast excellent state of the art technology within the country and has been the location for major national and international technological development.

Communication services across the chain of islands are excellent, with telephone, internet and mobile technology. The communications technology has advanced, thanks to service from Cable & Wireless, a company that has been based in the TCI for over 100 years. Already a mature and well established industry, telecommunications is poised for diversification and competition. This will ensure that customers and businesses in particular will continue to enjoy quality services from this international company with an emphasis on value for money. In addition the population is kept informed through the Turks and Caicos Islands' own TV Station WIV Cable TV which operates in addition to several radio stations.

IT development has proved to be very lucrative. While hardware and software purchases make-up the majority of the IT business in the TCI, there are a number of local IT companies that offer high-end services.



These services include Software Development, Web Hosting, e-commerce, Wireless/Mobile Internet services. Alongside an impressive range of accessible internet developers, the TCI has also seen a growth in the number of Internet cafes and public access outlets where visitors can log in, receive and send emails and browse the web.

The TCI high-tech sector does offer some unique advantages to IT developers. For example, a few local firms have been able to combine the advantages of the TCI with the ubiquitous nature of the Internet to offer their clients the same discount brokerage services as North American firms, but with the added offshore benefits of security, confidentiality, and zero taxes.

Although the TCI high-tech sector has shown that it can offer the high-end goods and services of the larger IT centres, the "bread & butter" of most local IT companies is still computer network design and installation. This area is expected to remain one of the main revenue earners - especially as more local architects and interior designers include computer networks into their designs.

With an environment that encourages creativity and innovation, a location so close to the US and state of the art technology and telecommunications, it is not surprising that many predict the TCI e-evolution to continue.

Profile

Ian Kyle is the CEO for Cable & Wireless in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Cable & Wireless is a multi-service provider supplying voice, data, high speed internet and mobile services using a World class fully digital telecommunications network throughout the TCI.

Who are your customers ?

We cater to residents and businesses; small to medium sized enterprises, or large multi-national corporations.

Why is TCI an ideal location?

The proximity to the US market is an advantage. The high coverage and quality of the telecoms network is also a key factor, ensuring full connectivity to global commerce.

What makes the relationship between TCI and C&W work?

We have a 100% Belonger staff base and focus on local involvement by supporting the community. As an example we provide free internet access to all Government schools. We believe our investment and approach has enabled both the community and the company to thrive. We have provided conscientious service for 100 years, and we are committed to doing so for another 100!

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