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INVEST IN COLLEGES FOR SHORT-TERM JOBS, LONG-TERM ECONOMIC PRODUCTIVITY, SAYS COLLEGES ASSOCIATION

Association of Canadian Community Colleges release list of ready-to-go infrastructure projects

Ottawa, January 22, 2009 – The Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) today released a list of 120 “ready-to-go” college and institute expansion, upgrade and repair projects that could create thousands of jobs if financing is made available in the next federal budget.

“Investing in and expanding college capacity would create thousands of jobs today and support training for employment opportunities tomorrow. And it would support the economic recovery by building a more abundant talent pool for employers,” said ACCC president James Knight. “This snapshot of our college sector points to both a pressing need and an opportunity for the Government of Canada to partner with provinces and colleges to fix a system that is struggling to keep up with demand.”

The projects, totalling \$2.12 billion, were identified through a recent survey of the Association’s 150 members. With environmental assessments and architectural and engineering designs completed, municipal approvals secured and in many cases partial funding already in place, the majority of the projects are ready to go this spring pending financing.

Projects range from retrofitting existing campus buildings, to extensions, enhanced safety and security measures, and new construction.

Each project reflects rapid growth in demand for new or extended advanced skills programs, such as emergency services, health, renewable energy, arctic research, aerospace, oil and gas technologies, power engineering, bio-pharmaceuticals, agriculture and horticulture, and trades.

The shortage of advanced skills has been identified as one of the major economic challenges facing Canada. The Conference Board of Canada has forecast a severe shortage of skills over the next decade and the Canadian Construction Association says its industry needs 300,000 people over the same period just to replace those retiring.

“The economic downturn has made an already difficult situation worse as thousands of displaced employees flock to many of our colleges for retraining only to be told that they will have to wait in line because of a lack of space,” said Knight. “Colleges are Canada’s prime trainers, investing in them now would be an investment in our present and future economic competitiveness and productivity.”

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Algonquin College, Ottawa, Ontario: Centre for Construction Trades and Building Sciences to address skilled trades shortages and re-training needs (\$13M)

Aurora College, Fort Smith, Northwest Territories: Infrastructure and logistics support to build the Western Arctic Research Centre and Network – a shared service facility in Inuvik linked to a research support station in Tuktoyaktuk as well as remote field sites and community-based facilities (\$35.75M)

Cambrian College, Sudbury, Ontario: Sustainable Energy Centre of Excellence to support green building energy efficiency and resource conservation (\$3.59M); Construction of Health Sciences Centre to integrate community service delivery, academic programming and research, add seven new program areas, house over 316 students, and add clinical placement opportunities for approximately 10 program areas (\$47.69M)

Camosun College, Victoria, British Columbia: Pacific Institute for Sport Excellence and College Learning Commons (\$18M); Centre for Health and Wellness, which will also house the Nursing Program (\$80M)

Canadore College of Applied Arts and Technology, North Bay, Ontario: Construction of West Parry Sound Campus (\$4.83M); Expansion of space currently housing School of Communication Arts (\$9.5M)

Capilano University, North Vancouver, British Columbia: Gathering Place building, library, sportsplex, film and animation complex, expansion of Squamish campus, Campus Road, safety and security, repair of Cedar Building (\$124.3M)

Cégep de Jonquière, Jonquière, Québec: Centre for Health Improvement and Maintenance (\$27M)

Champlain Regional College, Sherbrooke, Québec: Security of campuses (\$100,000); Information Systems (\$1.5M); Science lab renovations (\$1.5M); renovation of existing space to meet demands for Nursing program (\$1.15M); Circulation and safety improvement of rear exit (\$200,000); Replacement of all heating and cooling roof units (\$1.5M); Repair to campus flat top roof (\$800,000)

La Cité collégiale, Ottawa, Ontario: Construction of 9-1-1 Institute offering 10 programs in emergency services (\$51M)

Collège Montmorency, Laval, Québec: Expansion and renovation of campus (\$7.15M)

College of New Caledonia, Prince George, British Columbia. Expansion of Student and Cultural Centre (\$4M); Construction of Trades and Technology Centre to support apprenticeships and technical programs (\$5M)

College of the North Atlantic, Newfoundland and Labrador: Oil and Gas Technology Centre to prepare students to work in the downstream sector of the oil and gas and house the Chemical Technology Program which prepared students for work in the processing, refining, and manufacturing of chemical products and by-products (\$10M)

College of the Rockies, Cranbrook, British Columbia: Construction of the Gathering Place to meet the needs of the increasing number of Aboriginal people entering the College (\$10.6M)

Conestoga College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning, Kitchener, Ontario: Expansion of construction skilled trades training shops and classroom and student support space at Waterloo campus, and additional buildings and labs to support motive power programming, industrial apprentice and trades training at Guelph campus (\$7.52M)

Confederation College, Thunder Bay, Ontario: Construction of Regional Education Alliance for Community Health building and expansion of programs. Construction of Environmental/Water Resource-Based laboratories for geology/geomorphology, alternate energy, biomass, energy, ecosystem metrics and waste/wastewater management, and Transportation Technology Cluster including flight simulator, hybrid, automotive systems and heavy equipment systems (\$17M)

Durham College of Applied Arts and Technology, Oshawa, Ontario: Expansion of Skills Training Centre to meet in needs in energy programming and address skills shortages (\$15M)

Fanshawe College, London, Ontario: Construction of a new building to provide additional teaching space to coincide with enrollment growth (\$14M); Centres for Applied Technologies to house transportation-related programs and School of Motive Power Technology (\$33.8M).

Fleming College, Peterborough, Ontario: Construction of building to house skilled trades. (\$35M).

George Brown College, Toronto, Ontario: Construction of Waterfront Campus to meet demand (\$20M)

Georgian College of Applied Arts and Technology, Barrie, Ontario: Construction of Health and Wellness Building supporting skills development in a number of in-demand career areas in health and wellness (\$55M)

Great Plains College, Swift Current, Saskatchewan: Conversion of an existing power plant to a teaching lab facility in power engineering, refrigeration, instrumentation, and electrical programs (\$475,000)

Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning, Toronto, Ontario: Construction of Learning Resources Centre to serve increasing student population on North Campus; construction of GSM Performing Arts Centre on Lakeshore Campus; new campus in Orangeville; retrofit of former Lakeshore Psychiatric Hospital to an academic building in South Etobicoke (\$155.8M); Retrofit of two properties to accommodate new applied degree programming and projected enrollment growth (\$9M)

John Abbott College, Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, Québec: Construction of Science and Technology facility to house bio-pharmaceutical, pre-hospital emergency care and nursing technology programs (\$4M)

Lambton College, Sarnia, Ontario: Replacement of building housing Health and Public Safety Programs, expansion of Skilled Trades Training Centre including alternative energy

engineering, and addition of Physical Education and Community Fitness wing which will also increase capacity for Police Foundations, Fire Sciences, and Paramedic programs (\$26.17M); Fire School renewal and updating (\$6.5M); Construction of a Sustainable Smart Home building on the College's Alternative Energy Engineering Technology Program (\$3M).

Langara College, Vancouver, British Columbia: Construction of Student Centre (\$4M); Safety and security on campus, including alarms, communications, CCTV (2.5M); Creative Arts building with specialized labs (\$55M); Gymnasium expansion (\$18M); Multipurpose classroom building (\$30M)

Lethbridge College, Lethbridge, Alberta: Construction of student housing (\$8.3M)

Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences, Toronto, Ontario: Renovations to modernize learning space and bring aging facilities up to code (\$47.8M)

Mohawk College of Applied Arts and Technology, Hamilton, Ontario: Hamilton Main Campus Renewal including new construction and renovations (\$84.3M)

New Brunswick Community College, New Brunswick: Implementation of 70 capital maintenance projects (\$8.3M)

Niagara College, Niagara and Welland, Ontario: Gymnasiums, exercise facilities, playing fields at Welland Campus (\$10.75M); Allied Health Building (\$49.5M); Community facility, Wine Education Visitors' Centre to promote the regional wine industry (\$3.5M)

Northern College, Timmins, Ontario: Expansion of Porcupine Campus to include Centre for Trades and Technology, Centre for Health Education, Integrated Centre of Excellence for Emergency Services, and Knowledge and Innovation Centre (\$6.45M)

Nova Scotia Community College, Halifax, Nova Scotia: Energy and building renewal Akerley Campus (\$3M); Annapolis Valley, Middleton campus energy management system upgrading (\$1.5M); Burrige Campus, bus duct replacement (\$500,000); Cumberland Campus, curtain wall replacement (\$1.21M); Institute of Technology curtain wall replacement, campus renewal, repurposing of space (\$13.5M); Kingstec, roof and window replacement (\$675,000); Lunenburg Campus, roof and bus duct replacement (\$740,000); Marconi Campus, trades wing expansion and bus duct replacement (\$8.3M); Strait Area campus, new Fire School (\$2.5M); Truro Campus, roof replacement, building envelope renewal (\$2.65M)

Nunavut Arctic College, Iqaluit, Nunavut: Community Learning Centres constructed in identified communities to promote training for employment and adult retraining.

Olds College, Olds, Alberta: Campus in Calgary to replace interim modular classrooms; expansion of Centre for the Horticultural Industry to accommodate increased demand for training; construction of Botanic Garden, Arboretum and Engineered Wetlands Research Park as a living laboratory for students; and a Community Learning Campus (\$13.1M)

Parkland Regional College, Melville, Saskatchewan: Construction of Trades and Skills Training Centre to meet growing regional need (\$5.6M)

Portage College, Lac La Biche, Alberta: Construction of Virtual Constructive Training Centre in partnership with NAIT Polytechnic focusing on training for employment in seismic exploration, distillation, delivery and consumption in the oil and gas sector (\$39M)

Red Deer College, Red Deer, Alberta: Electrical infrastructure upgrading (\$1.28M); mechanical infrastructure renewal (\$4.8M); architectural building systems renewal (\$3.75M); technology systems replacement and upgrading (\$2.35M); site systems maintenance and repair (\$1.5M)

Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology, Toronto, Ontario: Joint Academic and York Region Emergency Services Training Centre, King Campus (\$80M); District School Board Science & Technology Polytechnic Education Centre, Seneca/York Region (\$77M)

St. Clair College of Applied Arts and Technology, Windsor, Ontario: Campus in downtown Windsor (\$82.68M); Health Sciences Complex, South Campus to produce graduates in a more diverse array of health sciences occupations (\$41.34M); Trade and technology addition for Thames Campus (\$7.3M); Centre for Construction, Innovation and Production for primarily trades and apprenticeship programs and adequate shop/lab space (\$9.25M); Healthplex, Windsor Campus (\$13.9M); Healthplex, Thames Campus (\$11.5M); Refurbishing of existing campus (\$36.3M); Energy conservation initiatives through upgrading or replacement of mechanical and electrical infrastructure (\$3.56M)

St. Lawrence College, Kingston, Ontario: Cornwall Campus consolidation and revitalization (\$21M); Brockville Campus revitalization to accommodate growth in the degree nursing, music theater performance, and pre-service fire fighter programs (\$2M); Kingston Campus revitalization and Athletic Complex, including space for renewable energy, applied research, police foundations and correctional worker programs (\$19.6M); Sustainable Energy Integration Research Facility including space for blended technology, biotechnology and sustainable energy (\$7M); Wind Turbine Technician/Apprenticeship Training Facility to allow new intake in drywall, brick and stone mason trades as well as increased intake in the millwright, machinist, and industrial electrician trades (\$2M)

Université Sainte-Anne, Digby County, Nova Scotia: Construction of a biomass-fired central heating plant using local fuel, a solar domestic hot water plant, and a small wind turbine for supplementary power generation (\$1.3M)

Winnipeg Technical College, Winnipeg, Manitoba: Construction of new school addition and major renovations to support program enrolment numbers (\$19.2M)

Vancouver Community College, Vancouver, British Columbia: Construction of Transportation Trades Facility (\$60M); Repair and upgrade of Broadway Campus' building membrane (\$19M); Upgrading of Downtown Campus' building membrane (\$7M); Replacement of downtown campus skylight to stop roof leaking (\$1.1M); Replacement of downtown campus windows (\$500,000); Broadway Campus Health Science Building furniture, fixtures, and equipment (\$2.2M)

Yukon College, Whitehorse, Yukon: Renovation of residence building to accommodate Research Administrative Centre for the Yukon (\$651,806); Construction of a new campus building in Pelly Crossing (\$1.38M); Construction of a new campus in Dawson City (\$3.4M)