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Engineering Regulator Singled Out for Commitment to Environmental Awareness through The Quest for Canada's Greenest IT Campaign

Toronto – (June 17, 2010) – Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) has won a nation-wide search to find the greenest information technology (IT) department. The Quest for Canada's Smartest IT is an annual campaign run by IT research firm Info-Tech Research Group that aims to recognize and reward both Canada's smartest and greenest mid-market IT departments. PEO was presented the award at a Toronto gala on June 16, 2010.

"I'm very proud of the leadership role our information and technology services (IT&S) department has taken in establishing and maintaining green initiatives as well as their commitment to making PEO a healthier and greener corporate citizen," said PEO CEO/Registrar Kim Allen, P.Eng.

"As the regulatory body for engineering in the province, we have the opportunity to lead by example in minimizing the negative impact of business practices on people and the natural environment."

Under the leadership of its Director, Eric Brown, P.Eng., PEO's IT&S department has engaged in numerous projects in its commitment to making the association greener, including:

- outsourcing and consolidating its servers, and virtualizing the test development;
- replacing 104 personal inkjet printers with 13 energy efficient laser and five multifunctional printers;
- engaging vendors and purchasing energy efficient computer supplies and printers;
- replacing fax machines with a FoIP (fax over Internet protocol) solution that allows staff to send and receive faxes from their desktops;
- embracing innovative meeting room and conference technology to reduce the need for travel;
- incorporating the use of motion detectors to ensure lights are turned off when rooms are empty; and,
- reviewing all business processes to determine opportunities to reduce paper and waste.

In addition, the creation of a Green Team at PEO, led by Paula Habas, manager, Internet services, helps to ensure sustainability efforts are incorporated into every aspect of the association. During the ongoing renovation of PEO's new headquarters, PEO's Green Team has been working with the architects and office designers to find opportunities to introduce environmentally conscious initiatives, such as Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification, carbon reduction, and procuring energy efficient products and services, to transform the 22-year-old building into an innovative showplace for the Ontario engineering profession.

The team has also designed creative programs to engage PEO employees in green awareness, including a steps challenge that encourages the use stairs instead of elevators, and teaming with Toronto Public Health to provide resources related to health and well-being.



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About the Quest for Canada's Smartest IT

The Quest for Canada's Smartest IT is an annual campaign run by IT research firm, Info-Tech Research Group. With the goal of uniting Canada's IT community, the campaign engages and educates Canadian mid-market organizations on the smart use of technology, to drive value for themselves and the communities in which they live and work. The Quest for Canada's Smartest IT awards Canadian IT departments that have done outstanding work to use technology in innovative and unique ways to bring positive change to their organizations and communities around them. Awards for Smartest and Greenest IT departments in Canada were announced at an awards gala held in Toronto on June 16th, 2010. There was also an award for the best "Wow" story of the campaign. For more information on the campaign visit www.smartest-it.ca.

About Professional Engineers Ontario

Professional Engineers Ontario administers the *Professional Engineers Act* by licensing Ontario's 73,000 professional engineers, granting temporary, limited and provisional licences to practise professional engineering, and authorizing businesses to provide engineering services to the public. It sets standards for and regulates engineering in Ontario to serve and protect the public interest. Rigorously educated, experienced, and committed to a Code of Ethics that puts the public first, licensed professional engineers can be identified by the P.Eng. after their names. Limited engineering licensees can be identified by the LEL after their names.

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