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ASTTBC and TECC Congratulates BCIT & Okanagan College on MoU Signing



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BCIT and Okanagan College (OC) signed an agreement outlining areas for collaboration. "This agreement is exactly what ASTTBC has been encouraging as a way to better use the resources at our post-secondary institutions," said ASTTBC Executive Director, John Leech. "This agreement ties in with the ASTTBC 2013 '[A Strategic Direction for Technology Education and Skills in British Columbia](#)'.

Okanagan College will be working more closely with BCIT in the near future after signing a Memorandum of Understanding that formalizes each institution's commitment to explore and pursue joint opportunities to provide high-quality programming, complementary disciplines and applied research.

Broadly, the MoU is aimed toward further joint development in the areas of planning, partnerships related to programming and applied research, and capital planning.

More specifically, Okanagan College and BCIT have identified a number of areas in which they could benefit from collaboration.

Areas of interest include:

- building sciences
- sustainability education
- fuel alternatives
- water management
- energy management
- commercialization
- entrepreneurship
- intellectual property
- simulation for health programming

To read more about the partnership agreement between OC and BCIT, [follow this link](#) to a Public Affairs press release.

The Technology Education and Careers Council (TECC) has been working hard over the years to encourage greater cooperation and collaboration between educators, government, industry, professional associations and other stakeholders. Sid Siddiqui, PEng, TECC Chair and Vice President of Stantec, a large international architectural and engineering consulting company, indicated support for initiatives such as the BCIT - OC MoU. [TECC](#) is a group of blue chip leaders from industry, education and professional associations that advocates for technology education and careers.