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PTech On the Books for 2011

Professional Technologist (PTech) will be introduced in 2011 according to the ASTTBC *2011 Work Plan* which was approved by ASTTBC Council on September 30, 2010. With the Alberta association about to register PTEchs, it is essential that ASTTBC move ahead to ensure we meet the expectations of the BC-Alberta-Saskatchewan Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement, said President, Doug Carter. We anticipate working with APEGBC through a joint task group to define implementation. In Alberta the engineers and techs are working together and it is ASTTBC Council's wish that we do similarly in BC. ASTTBC introduced PTech in 2005 when the *ASTT Regulations* were amended to enable Council to award PTech. Executive Director, John Leech, who has been leading this initiative, said, Council decided early on that it would only move forward when there was a better sense of a common direction among the provincial associations, notably Alberta and Ontario. With the new legislation in Alberta coming into play ASTTBC is ready to implement PTech. PTech is also awarded in New Brunswick and Newfoundland, however in these provinces the requirement to achieve PTech are not at the same level as in Alberta and BC. It is difficult to say at this time, but I anticipate all provincial associations will come together with one standard at some time in the future, said Leech. At least that is ASTTBC's hope and expectation. Progress will be posted to the ASTTBC web site and in ASTT e.NEWS.