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BC Technology Professionals Welcome \$3B Telus Commitment

BC Technologists, technicians and technical specialists are celebrating expanding career opportunities in a new \$3 Billion provincial Telus commitment over the next three years.

The Telecomm giant will invest \$1 billion in facilities and infrastructure in 2013 alone, part of a three-year, \$3 billion dollar province-wide boost to its systems. In addition, construction of “Telus Garden”, a \$750 million, one million square foot headquarters development in the heart of Downtown Vancouver, is now underway.

“Already employing more than 8,000 British Columbians, Telus is at the forefront of today’s telecommunications industry,” enthuses John Leech, Executive Director of the Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of BC. “Technology is BC’s fastest-growing sector, and this telecomm expansion and growth gives still more evidence of career opportunities for math and science oriented young people, and adult career-changers.”

Telus president and CEO Darren Entwistle states that new investments will include connecting hundreds of businesses and homes directly to fibre-optic cable; opening a cloud-computing data centre in Kamloops; and installing dozens of new wireless sites in urban areas. "Our sustained investment in technology and infrastructure since 2000 has already made British Columbia one of the most connected places anywhere in the world," said Entwistle.

The ASTTBC says that while precise numbers are not yet available, the new Telus infrastructure and Telus Garden combined will employ increasing numbers of designers, architects, engineers and their teams of ASTTBC technology professionals. “ASTTBC and Telus fully embrace sustainable design and building,” Leech concludes. “Telus Garden will incorporate a 24-storey LEED Platinum office tower, a LEED Gold 53-storey residential tower with at least 425 green homes, and retail space along Robson and Georgia streets. The new Telus headquarters is planned to be among the most technically advanced and environmentally benign and sustainable structures in the world.”