



## ASTT e-News, June 2010

ASTT e-News is broadcast to ASTTBC members and registrants, Honourary Members and our many partners and colleagues. ASTT e-NEWS contains the latest information about ASTTBC's role as a self-governing professional association of technology professionals and the many services provided by the association. Each issue is posted to the ASTTBC web site.

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### Public Representatives File Report for 2009

ASTTBC Council appoints two Public Representatives to serve on Council. Jim Blake, MBA, CA and John Murphy were appointed in 2007 as the first Public Representatives serving on Council. At the 2010 AGM John and Jim presented to the membership their 2009 Report, 'Professional Regulation: Serving the Public Interest'. For a copy of the Report please go to [www.asttbc.org/docs/2009PublicRepReport.pdf](http://www.asttbc.org/docs/2009PublicRepReport.pdf)

The Report has also been submitted to The Honourable Dr Moira Stilwell, Minister of Advanced Education & Labour Market Development and Minister Responsible for the ASTT Act. See [www.asttbc.org/docs/Lettertominister.pdf](http://www.asttbc.org/docs/Lettertominister.pdf)

### John MacDonald, An Honourary Member of ASTTBC, Named UNBC Chancellor

John MacDonald is the founder of MacDoanald Dettwiler and a leading international figure in space science, technology and renewable energy. He has been an Honourary Member of ASTTBC since April 2000. For more about this see [www.unbc.ca/releases/2010/02\\_02new\\_chancellor.html](http://www.unbc.ca/releases/2010/02_02new_chancellor.html)

### Attorney General Mike de Jong Congratulates ASTTBC

The Honourable Mike de Jong, QC, attended and was our speaker at the AGM awards lunch on May 28, 2010. During the lunch the Minister spoke highly of the members of ASTTBC and the great work and many contributions made by ASTTBC since incorporation in 1958. Minister de Jong also congratulated ASTTBC on its first 25 years under the ASTT Act. Following the meeting the Minister sent a letter to ASTTBC President Doug Carter. See [www.asttbc.org/docs/dejong2.pdf](http://www.asttbc.org/docs/dejong2.pdf)

### CONGRATULATIONS to 2010 TOP IN TECHNOLOGY Award Recipients!

ASTTBC presented Top In Technology Awards at the AGM for the second year. These awards recognize members of ASTTBC who are models of the technology professional. The award may be granted to people well established in their careers as well as to those just beginning. This year's award recipients are:

Tom Abbuhl, ASCT	Bill Billups, ASCT	Tina Bos, ASCT
Paul Butterfield, ASCT	Jeff Bycraft, ASCT	Ken Christian, ASCT
Joel Dela Cruz, ASCT	Jason Dorey, ASCT	Keith Fransson, ASCT
Brian Gaucher, ASCT	Michael Gee	Shawn Giesbrecht, ASCT
Peter Hoojan, ASCT	Tony Khoie, ASCT	Lyle Killough, ASCT
Harold Kindopp, ROWP	Deon Kinnee, ROWP	Herman Lee
Ozzie Lepore, CTech	Ken Mayo, CHI	Keith Meldrum, ASCT
Jim Nicholson, CSO	Paul O'Neill, ASCT	Joseph Petilla
Gina Purchase, ASCT	Ron Stefik, ASCT	Kyle Teschke, GradTech
Scott Tilley, ASCT		

## **It's A Wrap: AGM Review and Thanks**

### **Annual General Meeting/Professional Development Day May 2010**

From comments given and the ongoing evaluation, the Annual General Meeting, Professional Development Day, 25th Anniversary Luncheon and Top in Technology Awards were appreciated by those attending. Thanks to the staff and Cindy Aitken, ASTTBC Manager Events, in particular, for their efforts in making this a "Top in Technology" event.

A special thanks to volunteers:

Joel Dela Cruz, ASCT and Art Viray for photography  
 Brain McNeil, CHI(P) for videotaping  
 Tim Duerden, ASCT & Bill Baglot, GradTech, for manning the FNCC Booth  
 Glenn Duxbury, CHI & Ken Mayo, CHI for manning the BCCIP booth

### **Terry Small, Keynote Speaker "the Brainguy", Independent Scholar, and Learning Skills Specialist**

Following the Professional Development Day, Terry sent this message: *Thanks again for all your help with the organization of my presentation last Friday. Much appreciated. You are great to work with. I really appreciated how well organized you were. I loved your group. They were terrific to speak to! Remember....you are a genius!*

If you missed his informative and very entertaining presentation or if you want to sign up for his monthly newsletters, go to [www.terrysmall.com](http://www.terrysmall.com) or [www.twitter.com/terrysmall](http://www.twitter.com/terrysmall)

### **Other Messages Regarding the AGM/25th Anniversary/Top in Technology**

**From:**

#### **Grant A. Lachmuth, ASCT**

*My thanks and appreciation to all the ASTTBC staff for all their support and encouragement over the past 25 years...and I look forward to the next 25 together!! Thanks again for all that you do to make our Association so successful.*

#### **Ron Stefik , ASCT**

*Just wanted to pass on a personal "thank you" for organizing and conducting such a great event! I enjoyed my time spent among peers. The "Top in Technology" Award really means a lot to me. My employer, the BC Oil and Gas Commission, made a corporate wide broadcast email of a congratulatory announcement, and provided the day off for me to attend. I have been telling my co-workers about the event, all suitably impressed by the caliber of speakers and seminars provided. Keep up the excellent work!*

#### **Keith Meldrum, ASCT**

*I have been a member of ASTTBC for 16 years, going back to my CNC student days and am very impressed with the association. I can't tell you how honoured I was to be recognized by my peers as an award recipient; listening to some of the biographies of this year's winners made me realize that we have some incredibly talented individuals in the association.*

#### **Jim Dadd, ASCT**

*In my 38 years as a member this is the first time I have been in town for the AGM (and most other events in my life) due to my horrendous travel schedule during that time period. I have to say that based on the very professional, informative, relaxed and downright friendly day, I have missed a great amount for 37 years, and I am glad that I am now able to attend worthwhile and invaluable events such as this. Thank you, staff and council for a great day and your obvious constant dedication.*

#### **Jim Blake, MBA, CA Public Representative on ASTTBC Council**

*My congratulations to both of you (Cindy Aitken and John Leech) on the absolutely superb job you both do each year in putting on the AGM and conference. Everything seems to go just like clockwork and John you are the consummate diplomat with the right words for each occasion. I realize the rest of ASTTBC staff do a lot of work on this too but it is your leadership that makes it all go together so well.*

**Tim Duerden, ASCT**

*Also, wanted to say the AGM was very enjoyable Friday. Nicely run, and very entertaining.*

## **TechPRO: Lars Lindstrom, ASCT, A Failed Tree Fort**

Lars Lindstrom, ASCT, grew up in Prince George where as a young boy he made several unsuccessful attempts to build a tree fort. Thanks to a carpenter who showed him how to build a proper tree house, Lars was hooked!

He also grew up in the growing family business, Lindstrom Construction Ltd. (LCL) which began in 1956 as a small residential framing company but quickly expanded with the town and the forestry sector into industrial forestry installations, including Pre-Engineered metal buildings. In 1971, LCL became an official builder for the growing Pre-Engineered metal building industry and is now recognized as one of the most experienced Pre-Engineered metal building contractors in Western Canada.

In 1999, when Lars was 14, he began working as a labourer for the family company during summers and weekends to earn some spending money. Raised in this business, Lars understood the value of work and he was always fascinated by the versatility of different building materials and synthesis of the buildings' mechanical and electrical systems to create comfortable living and working spaces for people. With his family's background in design and construction, and his strong interest in art, drafting, photography, math and physics, a career in building design was a natural fit.

After a first year at the College of New Caledonia, Lars applied to BCIT's **Architectural and Building Engineering Technology** program (ABET) because it focused on Project Management, Architecture, Civil Engineering, and Building Science. By this time he was a superintendent on site for LCL. After earning his Diploma of Technology in 2006, rather than continue to pursue a degree program in Architectural Science he went home to help with the family business. Lindstrom Construction had an overwhelming amount of work and, as Lars' father was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Lars had to move into his father's position as the construction manager to maintain schedules on current projects, while remaining as superintendant on his own current site. Lars' father passed away in 2008.

Lars Lindstrom, ASCT, is now the Architectural Technologist, Estimator, Project Manager, and Superintendent for Lindstrom Construction Ltd. and has completed multiple Design-Build projects. See [www.lclbc.com/previous\\_projects.html](http://www.lclbc.com/previous_projects.html) for an impressive array of LCL projects. He has also contributed to raising awareness about Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis in Prince George and has volunteered his time to man the ASTTBC Trade Booth when it has been in Prince George.

Please join Lars in posting your career story at [www.techprofile.ca](http://www.techprofile.ca). In addition to providing valuable career information to others, TechPRO listings allow you to 'catch up' with former colleagues and find out who is working in your community. Posting your profile provides another way for self-employed practitioners to get their names in front of visitors to the ASTTBC website.

## **Energy Efficiency Creates Jobs**

Vancouver, May 26, 2010 – A study released today shows that BC Hydro's electricity conservation and efficiency activities will create 193,000 jobs in the province over 30 years – an average of 6,400 jobs annually. The findings are presented in the Power Smart Employment Impacts Study [PDF, 888 Kb] completed by G.E. Bridges and Associates, a B.C.-based independent research firm commissioned by BC Hydro. [www.globe-net.com/articles/2010/may/27/energy-efficiency-creates-jobs-.aspx?id=5069](http://www.globe-net.com/articles/2010/may/27/energy-efficiency-creates-jobs-.aspx?id=5069)

## **Minister Yap Speaks at Vancouver Board of Trade**

On June 8th, ASTTBC attended a Vancouver Board of Trade special presentation on Climate Change featuring John Yap, Minister of State and Climate Change Action in Canada. The Minister addressed a packed audience, speaking of new economic opportunities for British Columbians in clean energy and the environmental advantages of a low-carbon economy. For more details, visit the Vancouver Board of Trade webpage here: [www.boardoftrade.com/vbot\\_speech.asp?pageID=174&speechID=1493&offset=&speechfind](http://www.boardoftrade.com/vbot_speech.asp?pageID=174&speechID=1493&offset=&speechfind)

## **ASTTBC Practice Review Board Investigates Complaint: House Inspection ASTTBC Act and**

*Regulations require ASTTBC to assure professional standards of practice and to hold all those certified & registered with ASTTBC professionally accountable for their services. ASTTBC will report in each issue of ASTT e.NEWS on some aspect of ASTTBC's role in managing professional accountability, including complaints and their disposition, errors and omissions and professional*

*liability insurance, risk management and at least one element of the ASTTBC Code of Ethics.*

NATURE OF COMPLAINT: Professional misconduct and damaging property.

STATEMENT OF COMPLAINT: It was alleged that a BCPIPI Inspector acted in an unprofessional manner, causing property damage during a home inspection. The damage claimed was to several areas of the house including the exhaust pipe of the furnace, two holes in wooden railing attached to the house and damage to several cedar shakes on the roof by gouging pieces from the shakes.

INVESTIGATION: It was determined that the methods used by the inspector during his inspection are those typically used in the examination of the components of any dwelling. Where decay or rust is evident the process may appear destructive however the search is only to determine the severity of the damage and safety risks. When the investigator left the premise the owners appeared satisfied with the explanations and appreciated the safety concerns voiced by the inspector regarding the furnace. The investigator found no evidence of breach of professional conduct or damage to property in regards to the physical inspection.

The Investigator also contacted the Consumer Protection BC (CPBC) to confirm the status of the inspector and found that he was not licensed at the time of the inspection. As the inspector was not licensed to undertake this home inspection assignment he was in violation of the Consumer Protection BC (CPBC) Home Inspector Licensing Regulations and as such his actions violate the ASTTBC Code of Ethics.

OUTCOME: ASTTBC Practice Review Board reprimanded the member by placing a letter on his file for practicing without an appropriate license from the CPBC. Action will be initiated should the inspector violate licensing requirements in the future. Further, the CPBC was notified of the license breach by the inspector. It should be noted that this inspector is no longer providing services in home inspections.

### **APEGBC Surveys Members re One Act – One Association Proposal**

APEGBC recently surveyed its members on an APEGBC-Council proposed One Act – One Association model for regulating engineers, geoscientists and technologists. APEGBC reported results of this survey in the recent issue of their e-Newsletter.

See [www.apeg.bc.ca/connections/news/june10/teamresults.html](http://www.apeg.bc.ca/connections/news/june10/teamresults.html)

ASTTBC Council has formally advised APEGBC Council and the Minister Responsible for the APEGBC and ASTT Acts that the proposed 1A – 1A is not acceptable. ASTTBC Council has proposed a Two Act – Two Association model (the norm in BC for professional regulation), modeled after the Alberta legislation, and taking into consideration legislation in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. ASTTBC's 'Statement of Intent' can be found at [www.asttbc.org/docs/asttbc.pdf](http://www.asttbc.org/docs/asttbc.pdf)

The Alberta Government recently enacted a One Act – Two Association model which recognizes two associations – one for engineers / geoscientists and the second for technologists / technicians. The statute introduces the 'Professional Technologist' with rights to independent practice based on established industry standards and codes. The PTech will be jointly regulated by the engineers / geoscientists and technologists. IN ADDITION, Regulations pursuant to the Act also recognize the ASCT / CET / CTech and speak to the 'professions' of 'applied science technology', 'engineering technology' and 'information technology' as well as 'professional practice'. In Saskatchewan both the engineers and technologists / technicians statutes have an exemption statement recognizing each other's rights. In Manitoba a similar exemption exists with the added benefit of a 'Joint Board' responsible for managing grey and overlapping areas of practice.

### **ASTTBC Member Satisfaction Survey 2009**

For survey results: [http://www.asttbc.org/services/publications/member\\_surveys.php](http://www.asttbc.org/services/publications/member_surveys.php)

Total surveyed: 8,693 (including 7978 by online survey and 715 by mail)

Total respondents: 1,241 (14% response rate as compared to 12% in 2007)

#### **Overall Satisfaction: % Satisfied, Very Satisfied / % Dissatisfied, Very Dissatisfied**

Communications	2009: 69%/13%	2007: 70%	2005: 57%
Protecting Public Interest	2009: 68%/11%	2007: 69%	2005: 62%
Employer Liaison	2009: 61%/14%	2007: 60%	2005: 54%
Advertising/Marketing	2009: 55%/14%	2007: 59%	2005: n/a
Value of Membership	2009: 54%/17%	2007: 55%	2005: 43%
Overall Satisfaction	2009: 61%/14%	2007: 66%	2005: 55%

#### **Overall Areas of Future Focus: % Important Must Do**

Increase Profile	2009: 78%	2007: 82%	2005: 72%
Secure Rights to Practice	2009: 75%	2007: 80%	2005: 58%

Promote Careers in Technology	2009: 76%	2007: 79%	2005: 34%
Promote Teams	2009: 71%	2007: 77%	2005: 45%
Labour Mobility	2009: 68%	2007: 73%	2005: 67%
Changes to Act (re practice)	2009: 69%	2007: 73%	2005: 67%
Employer Liaison	2009: 68%	2007: 71%	2005: 59%

## ASTTBC on YouTube

ASTT has its own channel on YouTube called ASTTBC. The link is [www.youtube.com/ASTTBC](http://www.youtube.com/ASTTBC) where you can view any of the currently posted 17 videos. More will be added in the future. You may wish to SUBSCRIBE to the ASTTBC channel. That way you will be updated automatically each time a new video clip is posted. To subscribe you have to register with YouTube at the above link; it's easy and free.

We hope you enjoy all the postings on this site, including the most recent congratulatory message from Premier Gordon Campbell on the 25th anniversary of the ASTT Act. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VSFkbFRTL0c>

There is also a copy of the presentation Contract Components and Pitfalls made by David Wende of Alexander Holburn Beudin & Lang LLP which he gave at the Professional Development Day, part of the 2010 AGM. [www.asttbc.org/docs/DavidWende.pdf](http://www.asttbc.org/docs/DavidWende.pdf) It is saved as pdf, with his permission and free to distribute to all members.

## HST comes into effect July 1, 2010

ASTTBC will start charging 12% HST on all the fees and dues beginning July 1, 2010. ASTTBC has been charging GST on all dues and fees but not PST so this represents an increase of 7%. HST will apply to Pro-rated dues and all fees for the balance of 2010 and will be applicable to annual dues and fees in 2011.

If you need any other information please send your queries to [nmali@asttbc.org](mailto:nmali@asttbc.org) or log into the CRA website for detailed information at [www.cra.gc.ca](http://www.cra.gc.ca) and reference GI-057 document.

## ASTTBC Code of Ethics: Principle 8

***Members of ASTTBC shall: Present clearly to employers and clients the possible consequences if professional decisions or judgments are overruled or disregarded.***

**Amplification:** This principle needs no further amplification.

**Commentary:** Members may occasionally find themselves in a situation where their recommendation is being questioned by their employer, client, or another expert.

Communication should be established both in writing and by personal contact, particularly for contentious issues, to ensure that the information and assumptions are laid out simply and lucidly. When disagreement exists between two members, and the senior member chooses to overrule the other member's recommendation, the senior member consciously takes responsibility.

Note that members have continuing obligations, even though their recommendations may be overruled (see Principle 9).

Another element of difficulty is introduced when members find their recommendations being questioned by a non-member. The non-member may not have the technical expertise to appreciate both the rationale of the recommendation and the potential consequences of failure to accept the recommendation. Bearing in mind that the member remains the last line of defense for the public welfare, he or she must make all reasonable efforts to ensure that an appropriate decision is made. When a situation arises wherein a client or employer makes a decision that adversely affects the public interest, and is contrary to the recommendation of the member, the member must inform the client or employer of the consequences of the decision. If the client or employer is unresponsive, the member should notify the appropriate regulatory authorities who have the ability to evaluate the concerns and the power to suspend activities until the technical issue is resolved.

## Apply for a FEAT Bursary Today!

This is just a reminder that applications for a number of FEAT bursaries are now being accepted. Here's a short list of bursaries available. Each is valued at \$1,000.

- High School Student who is a child/grandchild of an ASTTBC member.
- Terasen Gas First Nations Bursary (3 total)
- Wade Wicks Memorial Bursary
- ASTTBC First Nations Bursary
- TD Insurance Meloche Monnex Bursary (3 total)

For details on eligibility requirements, please visit our webpage here: [www.asttbc.org/about/foundation/howtoapply.php](http://www.asttbc.org/about/foundation/howtoapply.php)

**BURSARY APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JULY 30, 2010.**

## **ASTTBC Launches Careers Website**

ASTTBC is pleased to announce the launch of its new Careers Website. The new site will provide members with a wealth of information related to career development and enhancement. Here you will find tips on information interviews, resumes and interview skills, along with powerful job search links and tools.

Visit the [ASTTBC CAREERS WEBSITE](http://careers.asttbc.org) today! [careers.asttbc.org](http://careers.asttbc.org)

## **ASTTBC Attends BC Technology Industry Association (BCTIA) Awards Dinner**

On behalf of ASTTBC, Geoff Sale, ASCT and ASTTBC Manager, Internationally Trained Professionals, and Jason Jung, ASCT and ASTTBC Manager, Technology Careers attended the BCTIA Awards Dinner. Geoff Sale had this to say:

*The Technology community in BC is in fine shape! We witnessed presentations to a number of BC-based individuals and companies, recognizing their ongoing contributions to the growth of the economy in this region, and to the well-being of the global population through improvements in productivity, privacy and data security, green generation of energy, training resources, aerospace and surveillance technologies, and several other topics. We saw small start-up companies, mid-sized enterprises and large, long-lasting power-houses which continue to take on incredibly complex and difficult contracts and to fulfill or surpass clients' expectations of results.*

*We saw how each award recipient was selected from a roster of extraordinarily impressive candidates, and how focused they all were on being the best they could be. All in all, it was time well spent for me, and I came away with a renewed confidence that the region continues to be a respected, dynamic and thriving hub of technology, and BCTIA does a fine job of serving their corporate needs.*

## **Seminars for House and Property Inspectors**

The recent well attended *Air Quality Seminar* presented valuable information and was a good opportunity for member networking. Be sure to watch the BCIPi website and this newsletter for 2010 - 2011 seminar schedule as upcoming seminars will be directed at daily inspection challenges including legal matters.

A new Web Page will be directed to the consumer, designed for ease of use and updating. New features will feature video clips replacing lengthy explanations. Launch date is targeted for August.

## **House and Property Inspection again featured on CTV**

This report called "What Can Go Wrong" highlighted that currently in BC there are 4 different licensed home inspection organizations each with different standards. Here is the link for the May 18 segment on CTV news 'Olsen on our Side': [bit.ly/9HKifa](http://bit.ly/9HKifa)

## **ASTTBC Sponsors Hole at 3rd Annual BCIT Alumni Open**

Once again, ASTTBC is sponsoring a hole at the 3rd Annual BCIT Alumni Open golf tournament hosted by the BCIT Alumni Association and Canadian Direct Insurance.

This is a fun day of golf at Northview Golf and Country Club in Surrey on Tuesday, July 13. For further details see [www.bcit.ca/alumni/open/](http://www.bcit.ca/alumni/open/) or to reserve your spot/foursome, call 604-432-8847.

While everyone has a great time, the BCIT Alumni Association raises substantial funds for the Alumni endowment which supports students requiring financial aid. Over \$110,000 has been raised in the first two years of the golf tournaments helping to raise the endowment fund to \$1Million.

## **McElhanney Celebrates 100 Years**

ASTTBC representatives and members attended a special gathering in Nanaimo, one of the many receptions being held to commemorate the 100th anniversary of McElhanney Consulting Services. McElhanney President Chris Newcomb, PEng spoke of the firm's legacy over the first century and thanked the staff and clients for making it all possible. McElhanney is an employee-owned engineering and surveying consulting company. <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/mcelhanney.pdf>

## **BC Lions Tickets - Member Discounts**

The BC Lions are offering members the opportunity to purchase discounted ticket prices to two upcoming home games. As an added bonus, the BC Lions will donate \$3 from each ticket sold towards ASTTBC's charitable foundation FEAT.

Game Dates:

- Friday July 16 vs. Montreal at 7:00pm

- Saturday August 7 vs. Calgary at 7:00pm

Discounted Ticket Prices: (you will save \$5 per ticket and \$6 in fees)

- \$30 for Bronze seats (incl. taxes)
- \$40 for Silver seats (inc. taxes)

To purchase, call **Jeff Hill of the BC Lions at 604-930-5453** and mention you are from the Applied Science Technologists & Technicians of BC.

### Thanks From:

#### Prakash Joshi, ASCT, Eng.L

*I would like to thank ...the staff for making my term as a council member so accommodating and rewarding. I enjoyed every minute of my stay and have worked passionately for the goals set by ASTTBC and I'm proud to have been part of such a prestigious association.*

*Looking forward, I wish newly elected board "Best of Luck" and hope to be of service to ASTTBC whenever required. Thank You, again.*

#### Warren S Dent, ASCT

*This letter is to advise that after some 38 years of active ASTT Membership, and some 34+ years of employment in the telecommunications industry, I am no longer working...*

*I will always be a faithful supporter of the ASTT cause for as LONG as I LIVE; I still am wearing my nickel ring, though totally worn off, with pride, of our association and what it stands for.*

*Will you please pass this ... on to John Leech, as we go way back to 1971/72 at BCIT and I do so much appreciate all the time, effort & hard work he has put into supporting the ASTT Principle and cause. Thank you John and to the staff, thanks for all your support to the ASTT.*

### Summer Public Hours at the BIG Little Science Centre

If you're in the Kamloops area go to the BIG Little Science Centre and explore the two hands-on rooms with over 130 exhibits and the amazing shows and activities (each about 30 minutes long).

For children ages 3 to adult, it is a great place for seniors and grandchildren to have fun together. An amazing science activity/show is presented each day at 1:30.

Memberships are available for those wishing to visit regularly.

Call 250-554-2572 or email [susan@blscs.org](mailto:susan@blscs.org).

#### Public Hours

July 5 to August 28: Monday to Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm.

Closed August 2 and Sundays

Admission Adults: \$5.00 Children 6 to 16: \$2.00 Under 6: Free Family: \$10.00

Annual Membership: \$35.00

### TechACTION

1) Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) invites interested companies to respond to a Request for Standing Offer (RFSO) to supply, configure, deliver, install (if requested), and provide warranty/support services for non-secure facsimiles (including accessories and supplies).

This RFSO will establish a framework for processing requirements related to the Communications, Detection and Fibre Optics Categories.

PWGSC intends to authorize multiple mandatory usage National Master Standing Offers (NMSOs).

This RFSO closes 2010-07-20 02:00 PM Atlantic Daylight Saving Time ADT.

Please Visit MERX ([www.merx.com](http://www.merx.com)) for full document or call Beth Kirkpatrick at, (506) 851-2856.

**Reference Number:** PW-\$MCT-001-3974 **Solicitation Number:** EC095-080004/A

2) Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) is conducting a Request for Information (RFI) to enhance its knowledge about options under a Telecommunications Equipment Maintenance and Supply Agreement with one or more Proponents to supply maintain, support and evolve our voice telephone systems nationally. This RFI is seeking information from proponents on how best to maintain, support and supply specific peripheral components within these systems including but not limited to:

- Workforce Management software
- Quality Monitoring Software,
- System monitoring tools
- Visual communications for Contact centres
- Turret system (Etrali)
- Network tools.

This RFI CLOSSES 2010-07-05 02:00 PM Eastern Daylight Saving Time EDT. Please Visit MERX

([www.merx.com](http://www.merx.com)) for full document or call Heather J Forsyth at, (613) 748-2300x3500.

**Reference Number:** 198806 **Solicitation Number:** 0981-418

3) Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) invites interested companies to respond to a Request for Standing Offer (RFSO). This RFSO is being issued to satisfy the requirement of PWGSC, for Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) Primary Rate Interface (PRI) and Basic Rate Interface (BRI) (collectively, the "ISDN" services) for use by Clients across Canada on an as-and-when requested basis via Call-ups Against a Standing Offer. This RFSO CLOSSES 2010-07-06 02:00 PM Eastern Daylight Saving Time EDT. Please Visit MERX ([www.merx.com](http://www.merx.com)) for full document or call Leigh Carroll at (819) 956-1046.

**Reference Number:** PW-\$\$\$EF-711-21520 **Solicitation Number:** EN869-1000EF/B

4) The Office of Small and Medium Enterprises offers workshops and general information on "How to Sell to the Government of Canada," "MERX," and "The Bidding Process." These sessions are open to all businesses across the province, and information on these sessions is available at [www.sb.gov.bc.ca/seminars-list.php](http://www.sb.gov.bc.ca/seminars-list.php) or by request from your organization.

5) New standards for high-efficiency plumbing fixtures have been added to the BC Building Code, effective October 4, 2010. Information at [www.housing.gov.bc.ca/building/consultation/het/index.htm](http://www.housing.gov.bc.ca/building/consultation/het/index.htm)

6) Land Remediation: New Site Risk classification protocol in effect as June 1  
[www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/remediation/updates/pdf/site-risk-classification-2010.pdf](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/remediation/updates/pdf/site-risk-classification-2010.pdf)

7) The Contaminated Sites Approved Professional Society (CSAP Society) is accepting applications for the November 2010 sitting of qualifying examinations. Application deadline is July 5. Further details are provided at the CSAP Society website at: [www.csapsociety.bc.ca/roster-of-approved-professionals/applicant-information.html](http://www.csapsociety.bc.ca/roster-of-approved-professionals/applicant-information.html)

8) Last month the Land Remediation Section conducted a workshop for over 150 participants on our current contaminated sites initiatives. The PowerPoint [workshop presentations](#) are now available on our website. If you have any questions or comments please send them to [site@gov.bc.ca](mailto:site@gov.bc.ca).

9) The Director of Waste Management has approved under the Environmental Management Act, new Interim Standards for Contaminated Sites – [Generic Numerical Drinking Water Standards for Aluminum, Iron and Manganese](#) with an effective date of June 1, 2010. These new standards replace the drinking water standards for aluminum, iron and manganese currently listed in Schedule 6 of the Contaminated Sites Regulation. They will be in effect until May 31, 2011. If you have any questions, please contact [Glyn.Fox@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Glyn.Fox@gov.bc.ca).

## TechEVENTS

Applications are now being accepted for the 2010 BC Innovation Council Awards, which will be presented at the **New Ventures BC Competition Awards** at the SFU Segal Centre in Vancouver on **Monday, September 23, 2010**. The annual BCIC Awards recognize exceptional achievements in, or potential for, commercialization of technology and honour outstanding technology.

Submissions are now being accepted for the following three awards:  
BCIC Ripples of Hope Award in Biotechnology & Entrepreneurship; Award Value: \$35,000  
Emerging Technology Award; Award Value: Up to \$25,000 towards commercialization services  
Entrepreneurship Fellow Award; Award Value: \$25,000 for entrepreneurship education or commercialization initiatives.

The BCIC Awards application deadline is **Monday, July 26, 2010**. Detailed award submission guidelines can be found online at [www.bcic.ca](http://www.bcic.ca)

**Nominations for the 2010 MISTIC Science, Technology & Innovation Awards** are now open. Deadline is Oct. 4. [www.mistic.bc.ca/events/nominationform.php](http://www.mistic.bc.ca/events/nominationform.php)

**2010 International Congress on Environmental Modelling and Software**, July 5-8, Ottawa, Potential topics include: agricultural sustainability and food safety; adapting to a shifting climate; water resources management; ecosystem service issues; integrated modelling frameworks etc. [www.iemss.org/iemss2010/](http://www.iemss.org/iemss2010/)

**UBC/UW Summer Institute in Sustainability**, July 5-9, University of British Columbia, Vancouver. Learn the principles, best practices and practical skills necessary to make sustainability the foundation of your organization's on-going operations. [cstudies.ubc.ca/sustainability/summerinstitute/index.html?utm\\_source=SIS-email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=email-1003-SISUD](http://cstudies.ubc.ca/sustainability/summerinstitute/index.html?utm_source=SIS-email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=email-1003-SISUD)

**PNWER 2010 Annual Summit**, (Pacific NorthWest Economic Region,) July 16-20, Calgary, [www.pnwer.org/Default.aspx?alias=www.pnwer.org/2010annualsummit](http://www.pnwer.org/Default.aspx?alias=www.pnwer.org/2010annualsummit)

**ICEE 2010 Conference**, July 18-22, Gliwice, Poland, [www.ineer.org/iNEERInfo/Proposal-2010 ICEE Gliwice 2010 WA2.pdf](http://www.ineer.org/iNEERInfo/Proposal-2010 ICEE Gliwice 2010 WA2.pdf)

**UBC Summer Institute in Sustainable Urban Design**, July 18-23, University of British Columbia, Vancouver. Course includes global perspectives, innovative and transferable tools,

leading-edge projects, green building design and rating systems [www.cstudies.ubc.ca/sustainability/sustainable-urban-design/program.html](http://www.cstudies.ubc.ca/sustainability/sustainable-urban-design/program.html)

**Public Engagement for Environmental Issues**, August 3-5 Seattle, The course instructor is Dr. Annie Booth, Associate Professor, UNBC, Prince George.  
[www.nwetc.org/opr-201\\_08-10\\_seattle.htm](http://www.nwetc.org/opr-201_08-10_seattle.htm)

**8th International Conference on Short and Medium Span Bridges – 2010**, August 3-6, Niagara Falls, [www.csce.ca/2010/smsb](http://www.csce.ca/2010/smsb)

**CanGEA 2010 Geothermal Energy Conference and Trade Show**, August 8 –10, Vancouver. The conference will host a geothermal 101 workshop, presentations, panel discussions and a two day industry trade show. <http://www.cangea.ca>

**The Canadian Society of Landscape Architects Congress**, August 19-21, Edmonton AB, <http://www.cslacongress2010.ca/en/>

**Canadian Quality Congress Theme: Quality and Competiveness for Sustained Performance**, August 23-25, Toronto, <http://www.canadianqualitycongress.com/>

**BC Wood, Global Buyers Mission 2010**, September 9-11, Whistler, a complete architect and designer program, exhibitors from the value-added wood industry, Contact Toy Manion at 604-882-7100 or see [www.bcwood.com](http://www.bcwood.com)

**Fundamentals Of Local Government Corporate Administration**, September 9 -11 & November 4-6, Richmond, [www.capilanou.ca/programs/local-government](http://www.capilanou.ca/programs/local-government)

**Canadian Healthcare Engineering Society Annual Conference "Environmentally Responsible Healthcare"**, September 19-21, Whistler, [www.chesconference.com/2010conference/index.htm](http://www.chesconference.com/2010conference/index.htm)

**Reclamation from Planning to Closure** from the Canadian Land Reclamation Assoc., September 20-23, Courtenay, [www.clra.ca/10-09-20-AGM-Announcement.pdf](http://www.clra.ca/10-09-20-AGM-Announcement.pdf)

**Transportation Association of Canada Annual Conference Adjusting to New Realities**, September 23-26, Halifax, [www.tac-atc.ca/english/annualconference/](http://www.tac-atc.ca/english/annualconference/)

**Contaminated Sites in the Oil and Gas Sector in Northeast BC**, September 30 - October 1(tentative), Fort St. John. The third session of contaminated sites seminars will focus on contaminated sites issues for the oil and gas sector, and the interconnection between the Contaminated Site Regulation and the Oil and Gas Regulation. [www.geoenvirologic.ca](http://www.geoenvirologic.ca)

**Laboratory Safety Course**, Oct 4-5, Calgary, presented by the Chemical Institute of Canada and the Canadian Society for Chemical Technology to enhance the knowledge and working experience of chemical technologists and chemists, [www.cheminst.ca/profdev](http://www.cheminst.ca/profdev)

**Gaining Ground 2010 "Ecological The Power of Green Cities to Shape the Future"**, October 4-7, Vancouver, promoting Vancouver's green economy, vision, culture, and achievements [www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/GainingGroundVancouver.asp](http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/GainingGroundVancouver.asp)

**Human Dimensions of Natural Resource Management**, October 6-7, Revelstoke, BC. "Learn how addressing human dimensions can make decisions more robust and plans more likely to be implemented successfully." Organized by the Columbia Mountains Institute, [www.cmiae.org/Events/#HDconference](http://www.cmiae.org/Events/#HDconference)

**Hydrology Conference 2010 – The Changing Physical and Social Environment: Hydrologic Impacts and Feedbacks**, October 11-13, San Diego, CA, [www.hydrologyconference.com/](http://www.hydrologyconference.com/)

**BC Innovation Council CONNECT event**, October 12, Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre-West. A conference for startups and entrepreneurs who want the answers to "what's next for my company". [www.bcic.ca](http://www.bcic.ca)

**Interior Design Show West**, October 14-17, Vancouver, [www.idswest.com/index.php](http://www.idswest.com/index.php)  
The Remediation Technologies Symposium 2010 – RemTech 2010, October 20 – 22, Banff, [www.esaa-events.com/remtech/default.htm](http://www.esaa-events.com/remtech/default.htm)

**APEGBC Annual Conference**, October 21-23, Whistler, [www.apeg.bc.ca/ac2010](http://www.apeg.bc.ca/ac2010)

**BC Hydro's Power Smart Forum**, Oct. 25-27, Vancouver, [www.bchydro.com/forum](http://www.bchydro.com/forum)

**Vancouver Regional Construction Association Awards of Excellence**, October 26, [www.vrca.bc.ca](http://www.vrca.bc.ca)

**2010 MISTIC Science, Technology & Innovation Awards**, November 3, Nanaimo, [www.mistic.bc.ca/events\\_awards.php](http://www.mistic.bc.ca/events_awards.php)

**Building Sustainable Communities**, Nov. 16-18, Kelowna. [www.freshoutlookfoundation.org/conferences/bsc10/bsc10.asp](http://www.freshoutlookfoundation.org/conferences/bsc10/bsc10.asp)

**Cities Alive! 8th Annual Green Roof & Wall Conference**, Nov 30-Dec 2, Vancouver, [vancouver.citiesalive.org](http://vancouver.citiesalive.org)

**Note:** for more information on events and seminars go to [www.asttbc.org/services/coming\\_events.php](http://www.asttbc.org/services/coming_events.php) and [www.asttbc.org/services/cpd/seminars.php](http://www.asttbc.org/services/cpd/seminars.php)

## **Courses of Potential Interest to Members**

**SFU Certificates For Mid-Career Professionals** Apply by July 16, 2010.

SFU City Program is now accepting applications for the Fall 2010 cohort of the Sustainable Community Development Certificate [www.sfu.ca/city/scd-sustain.htm](http://www.sfu.ca/city/scd-sustain.htm) and the Urban Design Certificate Program. [www.sfu.ca/city/udc.htm](http://www.sfu.ca/city/udc.htm) Programs are part-time and designed for mid-career professionals and include eight 2 and 3-day courses over 10-18 months.

### **Professional Certificate in Local Government Administration**

Fall 2010 courses and locations are:

PADM 200 - Local Government Administration in BC (Capilano University, **North Vancouver** Campus)

PADM 201 - Local Government Services in BC (offered in Parksville and at Capilano University, **North Vancouver** Campus)

PADM 203 - Municipal Law in BC (**Kelowna**)

Each course is 6 days in length offered one weekend a month for three months. For course dates and to register see: [www.capilanou.ca/Assets/local-government/pdf/Fall+2010+Dates.pdf](http://www.capilanou.ca/Assets/local-government/pdf/Fall+2010+Dates.pdf). For information contact Alison McNeil, Local Government Programs, Capilano University [amcneil@capilanou.ca](mailto:amcneil@capilanou.ca) or 604-990-7907.

**Editor's note:** Occasionally we are sent information on courses/ professional development that could potentially be of interest to members. However, there are undoubtedly many others and far too many to include here. A partial list of possible sources for courses/ professional development follows:

- AIBC  
[www.aibc.ca/member\\_resources/professional\\_dev/index.html](http://www.aibc.ca/member_resources/professional_dev/index.html)
- APEGBC  
[secure.apeg.bc.ca/imisCustom/Events/PDEventsListing.aspx](http://secure.apeg.bc.ca/imisCustom/Events/PDEventsListing.aspx)
- British Columbia Water and Waste Association offering BCWWA Operator Education throughout BC  
[www.bcwwa.org/op\\_ed/index.php](http://www.bcwwa.org/op_ed/index.php)
- Columbia Mountains Institute of Applied Ecology  
[www.cmiae.org/](http://www.cmiae.org/)
- FORREX  
[www.forrex.org/tools/maillinglists.asp](http://www.forrex.org/tools/maillinglists.asp)
- Selkirk Management Services  
[www.selkirk-management.com/events.html](http://www.selkirk-management.com/events.html)
- Also check out the Continuing Studies at BCIT [www.bcit.ca/alumni/continuing.shtml](http://www.bcit.ca/alumni/continuing.shtml) and all of the universities and colleges in British Columbia.

**For a glimpse of what's new at ASTTBC go to [www.asttbc.org/services/whatsnew.php](http://www.asttbc.org/services/whatsnew.php)**