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CONSTRUCTION SECTOR COUNCIL - LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

Even though Canada is currently recovering from the effects of a significant economic downturn, the demographic reality is that the country's labour force continues to age. With each passing year, the average age of the workforce in many organizations is increasing, and retirement is becoming an imminent option for many employees. The construction industry is not immune to these changes.

The Construction Sector Council is conducting a study to determine how the construction industry is coping with the expected workforce challenges as a result of increase in the average age of those in our industry. The purposes of the study are to find out what employers are doing: to develop policies and practices related to the aging workforce: to retain older workers, and to prepare appropriate workforce plans. A key component of our study is an online survey of employers, contractors, associations, labour groups and owners. As a leading member in the construction industry, you have been selected to participate in the survey.

To complete the survey's online questionnaire, you only have to visit the following website: www.csc-ca.org/english/. Once at the site, simply follow the instructions to answer the survey's questions. The questionnaire should take about 20 minutes to complete. For participating in the survey, you will receive a copy of the research report produced from the CSC study. Should you have any questions, please contact Borys Gengalo of the Construction Sector Council by telephone (613-569-5552 ex 229) or via e-mail gengalo@csc-ca.org.

CRA OFFERING FREE SEMINARS ON HST

The Canada Revenue Agency is preparing to administer the HST and is offering free information seminars to businesses, designed to help prepare you for a seamless transition to HST.

For a listing of free information seminars being conducted throughout Ontario and British Columbia, visit www.cra-arc.gc.ca/harmonization/. The Web page includes details about dates, times, locations and how to register. (Source: CCA News February 23, 2010)

SDTC ANNOUNCES LATEST CALL FOR CLEAN TECHNOLOGY FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Ottawa, Ontario, February 24, 2010 – Sustainable Development Technology Canada (SDTC) is calling on entrepreneurs and technology developers across Canada to submit Statements of Interests to the SD Tech Fund™, as SDTC opens its 17th round of funding. "SDTC is a not-for-profit corporation created by the Government of Canada to finance and support the late-stage development and pre-commercial demonstration of clean technologies. SDTC helps companies through the critical juncture when capital and scaling costs become formidable challenges and the risk profile deters many other investors.

While applications for nearer-to-market technology innovations that deliver clean air benefits and GHG reductions are encouraged, SDTC is also particularly interested in clean water and clean soil technology solutions. SDTC is accepting applications until April 21, 2010. Potential applicants are requested to first review the application process and funding requirements at www.sdct.ca/en/SOlinfo.htm and then schedule an initial call with an Applications Manager by emailing applications@sdct.ca.

LAST CALL FOR 10-DAY PROJECT MANAGEMENT COURSE

The final cut off date for registration in the **10-Day CMCEF Project Management Course** is Friday, March 5th. The next Project Management session will not take place until the end of November 2010. If you are interested in sending an employee please do not hesitate to submit your application now. For a complete brochure visit the CMCEF website at www.cmcef.org or call the CMCEF office at 613-232-5169.

CMCEF MIDDLE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE – HOTEL REGISTRATION EXTENDED

If you have not booked your accommodations for the CMCEF Middle Management Conference at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel, you will have until the end of the day, Tuesday, March 2nd to do so. After the drop-dead date, there will be no guarantee of the lowest room rate or room availability. For further information on the conference please contact the CMCEF office at 613-232-5169 or visit the website at www.cmcef.org.