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MEDIA ADVISORY

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Integrated Work Experience Strategy pilot program launches in British Columbia

Preparing internationally educated ICT professionals for the Canadian workforce

Vancouver - The Information and Communications Technology Council (ICTC) in partnership with S.U.C.C.E.S.S. is launching a first-of-its-kind pilot program to help prepare **internationally educated professionals** (IEPs) for employment in Canada.

The Integrated Work Experience Strategy (IWES) pilot program provides IEPs with an intensive introduction to Canadian workplace culture and the communications skills conducive to success on the job. The program also prepares candidates for specific jobs and arranges work placements with ICT employers.

IWES is part of ICTC's Immigration Initiatives, a program that aims to strengthen Canada's competitive advantage in the global ICT market. More information is available at: www.ictc-ctic.ca.

WHO: ICTC in partnership with S.U.C.C.E.S.S.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 24, 11:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.

WHERE: Choi Hall, S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Social Service Centre, 28 West Pender St., Vancouver BC, V6B 1R6

About ICTC

The Information and Communications Technology Council (ICTC), is a not-for-profit sector council, that strives to create a diverse, prepared and highly educated Canadian ICT industry and workforce. We forge partnerships that will help develop the quantity and quality of ICT professionals needed to maintain and improve Canada's position as a leader in the global marketplace. www.ictc-ctic.ca

About S.U.C.C.E.S.S.

Founded in 1973 and incorporated in 1974 as a non-profit charitable organization, S.U.C.C.E.S.S. is now one of the largest immigration and social service agencies in British Columbia. S.U.C.C.E.S.S. is a member agency of United Way of the Lower Mainland. Its primary objective is to promote the wellbeing of Canadians and immigrants by providing social, educational and health services, and through business and community development and advocacy. Amongst its many achievements, S.U.C.C.E.S.S. was granted the Citation for Citizenship Award by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration in 1994. In 2003, S.U.C.C.E.S.S. received accreditation from the Council on Accreditation and was re-accredited in 2008.

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