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Invitation to TeKnoWave's First Graduation Reception

Date: Thursday, November 4, 2004 Time: 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m
Location: Hilton Lac Leamy, Foyer – Mozart, 3, boulevard de Casino Gatineau, Quebec

We are pleased to request the honour of your attendance to mark the auspicious occasion of the graduation of students from the first inaugural launch of *TeKnoWave – Canada's 1st National Aboriginal IT Training Program*.

We are proud to present the first eight graduates of *TeKnoWave pilot program*. As you no doubt know, TeKnoWave is a national program that creates the essential technical and managerial capacity within the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis populations, enabling the achievement of community social and economic goals, creating employment, entrepreneurial opportunities, and building Aboriginal self-reliance. **TeKnoWave Inc.**, headquartered in Ottawa, is a **non-profit** corporation that has been formed to oversee the delivery of this program. TeKnoWave pilot program graduates have earned global certification and have been designated as MCSAs. During the Graduation Gala, they will receive academic diplomas and certificates from Willis College and the University of Winnipeg as well as preliminary certificates.

The goal of our partners including Willis College, University of Winnipeg, Donna Cona Inc., Aboriginal Workforce Participation Initiative (AWPI/INAC), Aboriginal Human Resources Development Canada (AHRDCC), Earth Restoration Corps, Ogwehoweh Center and Volunteer Canada – is to train 1,000 Aboriginal IT professionals.

The Graduation Gala will take place during the TeKnoWave partner, AWPI's Corporate Partnership Conference Networking reception where corporate Canada, government and Aboriginal leaders are participating on Thursday November 4th, 2004 at Hilton Lac Leamy, Foyer – Mozart in Hull, Quebec. The ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. follow by AWPI networking reception.

Special congratulatory messages and address from Hon. Maurice F. Strong, Senior Advisor Secretary-General Of the United Nations, Hon. Ethel Blondin-Andrew, Minister of State (Northern Development), Edward Broadbent, MP, Ottawa, Centre, Douglas J. Cardinal, Founder, Douglas J. Cardinal Architect Ltd., Industry Canada, AWPI/INAC and national media coverage.

Please join us. You can R.S.V.P. to Erin Lamarche, Public & Internal Relations Advisor, at (613) 233-1128 or email erin.lamarche@williscollege.com

Sincerely,

Clifford T. Summers
 2003-2004 Graduation Gala Committee Chair
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