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**Call for Entries for the 2011
Employer Excellence Awards**

OTTAWA– Hire Immigrants Ottawa (HIO) is accepting entries for the annual 2011 **Employer Excellence Awards** from employers in the National Capital Region. In its fourth year, the awards recognize local employers for their innovative policies and practices in recruiting and retaining skilled immigrants in their organizations.

The awards will be presented at HIO's Employer Council of Champions Summit on March 9, 2011.

Previous recipients are the Association pour l'intégration sociale d'Ottawa, Algonquin College, CGI, Citizen Advocacy of Ottawa, GEM Health Care Services Inc., Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, MBNA, OCRI Talent Bridge, Revera Health Services Inc., Scotiabank, City of Ottawa and University of Ottawa.

Visit www.hireimmigrantsottawa.ca for more information about the awards or about how to apply. Deadline for submissions is January 28, 2011.

Hire Immigrants Ottawa is a community-based initiative that works with local employers to enhance their organization's capacity to effectively hire and integrate skilled immigrants into the workplace. This initiative is funded by the Government of Ontario and Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

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Note to Editors: Award logo and photos of past winners are available upon request. Interviews with past recipients can be arranged.

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