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ICTC and CIPS Announce Partnership To Advance Workforce and Professionalism in Canada

OTTAWA - November 23, 2010 - The Information and Communications Technology Council (ICTC) and CIPS announced a strategic partnership to enhance workforce development and professionalism for the ICT sector across Canada.

ICTC is drawing from its ICT Competency Profiles framework to develop a national professional ICT career pathway program, ADVANCE©. This program will enable the ICT employers to validate and recognize the technical, business and interpersonal competencies that complement the professional experience of their ICT employees. Also, I-ADVANCE© will aim to facilitate the design of a career ladder for advancement and succession of the ICT workforce in their respective areas of interest.

"ICTC believes the partnership with CIPS will enhance the development and implementation of the certification program, and facilitate standardization for expanded recognition and professional development to meet the needs of the burgeoning Canadian ICT sector," says Paul D. Swinwood, President, ICTC.

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CIPS' Involvement in IP3 Leads to Global Mutual Acceptance of the ITCP



As reported in a previous CIPS Connections, the IP3 (www.ipthree.org) Board has confirmed a *Mutual Acceptance* policy pertaining to IP3P accredited societies. CIPS was accredited by IP3 in 2008, which led to CIPS' ITCP designation being accredited to the IP3P standard and receiving international recognition.

What is Mutual Acceptance?

The IP3 *Mutual Acceptance* establishes a framework for comparison of different professional certification programs that lead to a common understanding between different countries and will facilitate the portability of professional membership. A good example of this is the professional membership recognition that exists between the Australian Computer Society (ACS) and CIPS, both IP3P accredited and now accepting each other's professional certifications. Mutual recognition does come with a number of safeguards. It provides the right to the association to refuse to admit

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an individual into its professional membership in keeping with its entry rules. It also provides the right to impose local top-up requirement if required (i.e. a local language test).

How will Mutual Acceptance affect CIPS ITCP holders?

At the moment, only the ACS and CIPS have been IP3 accredited and the *Mutual Acceptance* policy therefore only applies to these two organizations. However, a number of other societies are preparing their IP3P applications for 2011 and once these organizations have been accredited, the *Mutual Acceptance* policy will also apply.

ITCP holders that are interested in achieving the IP3P recognized [ACS Computing Professional](#) (CP) status can simply apply to the ACS for recognition. The ACS will confirm with CIPS that you are ITCP certified and a CIPS member in good standing, and upon payment of the [ACS membership dues](#) you will be granted CP status. The ACS is the designated professional assessing authority for persons seeking to apply for *Skilled Migration as IT Professionals* into Australia. CP status is indirectly linked to this process where individuals holding CP status have an easier time going through the assessment.

Professional members from IP3P accredited societies will also be able to apply for CIPS' ITCP under the *Mutual Acceptance* policy. CIPS will confirm the individual's membership with the responsible society and assure that their membership is in good standing. Upon payment of CIPS membership dues and signing of the CIPS Code of Ethics statement, CIPS will grant the individual the ITCP recognition.

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CIPS Saskatchewan Launches New Website



CIPS Saskatchewan launched its new website in early November 2010 and looks to add new content and features over the next few months. The website uses Drupal 6 and is integrated with the new National website that launched in September.

Check it out at <http://sk.cips.ca>

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Why Certification?

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- Provides a means to assess workforce skills and build a training plan
- Proves employees have the skills to carry out their work competently
- Offers a clear measure of the return on investment in training
- Acts as motivation for employees to complete the training

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CIO Canada Summit - February 27-March 2, 2011 - Montreal

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The CIO Canada Summit will give senior IT executives in Canada the opportunity to meet and network with technology analysts, leading association representatives, solution providers, and technology leaders from some of the largest and most innovative organizations in the country. The summit will include, but is not limited to, representatives from the following industries: healthcare, telecom, finance, education, insurance, government, retail, transportation, and utilities.

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