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Press Release

Site Selection Publishes Annual Canadian Rankings

Atlanta, September 1, 2009: Alberta remains the most competitive province in an increasingly competitive nation, followed by Québec and Ontario. Calgary and Vancouver lead Canada's metro areas in corporate facility development. And the approaches of certain local economic developers are just as innovative as the country's showcase blend of research infrastructure, natural resources, innovation and collaborative spirit.

Those are the conclusions reached as *Site Selection* publishes its third annual Canadian awards and rankings, based on June 2008-May 2009 project data derived from the publication's proprietary New Plant Database (which counts projects according to specific criteria related to new construction) and the magazine's own research:

- **The Canadian Competitiveness Awards**, awarded to the leading provinces based on the number of qualifying new facilities and expansions, projects per capita, project capital investment per capita, project job creation per capita, 100-plus-jobs projects per capita and most metro areas in the total list of Top Canadian Metros;
- **Top Canadian Groups**, recognizing local economic development groups based on total projects, total project investment and new jobs, investment and jobs per capita, collaboration, quality data, and innovative programming and Web tools;
- **Top Canadian Metros**, based on a tally of new corporate projects and expansions qualifying for the Conway Data New Plant Database.

"Consistency in corporate project attraction, job creation, collaboration, proactive programming and quality data resources distinguishes *Site Selection's* Top Economic Development Groups of 2009," says Adam Bruns, managing editor of *Site Selection*. The entire Canada 2009 report, including an economic development directory, appears in the September 2009 edition of *Site Selection* and will be posted at www.siteselection.com on Sept. 17.

"We make sure Canada is covered in every issue of *Site Selection*, from provincial and Canada-U.S. border reports to coverage of new projects in our industry reports," says Mark Arend, editor in chief of *Site Selection*. "The annual Canada report sheds additional light on Canada's many location options for corporate site selectors. We salute the provinces and communities that made this year's rankings."

Also featured in the issue:

- In-depth reports on **energy innovations, infrastructure and global logistics, and chemicals**;
- a cover story on **the rebirth of Pittsburgh**, as it prepares to host the G-20 later this month;
- the magazine's annual ranking of **Top Utilities in Economic Development**;

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- Area reports on California, Texas, Massachusetts, North Carolina, the Upper Midwest, Nevada, the Mid-Atlantic and Arizona;
- Investment Profiles of **Nebraska; Malaysia; the City of Pflugerville, Texas;** and the **chemicals industry in Saxony-Anhalt, Germany.**

Site Selection magazine, published by Conway Data Inc., delivers expansion planning information to 44,000 executives of fast-growing firms. The senior publication in the development field, *Site Selection* is also available via *Site Selection Online* (www.siteselection.com). *SiteNet Dispatch*, a weekly e-mail newsletter, goes to more than 38,000 industry professionals.

Conway Data is an international publishing and association management company headquartered in Atlanta. The firm manages the Industrial Asset Management Council, the Development Hall of Fame and the World Development Federation (WDF), offers consulting services and awards the Conway Safe Skies Award.

Canadian Competitiveness Rankings

1. Alberta (Alberta Ministry of Finance & Enterprise)
2. Québec (Invest Québec)
3. Ontario (Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Trade)

Metro area

- | <u>Metro area</u> | <u>Project Count</u> |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. Calgary, Alberta | 37 |
| 2. Vancouver, B.C. | 37 |
| 3. Toronto, Ontario | 34 |
| 4. London, Ontario | 19 |
| 5. Montréal, Québec | 18 |
| 6. Quebec City, Québec | 16 |
| 7. Hamilton, Ontario | 13 |
| 8. Wood Buffalo (Fort McMurray), Alberta | 8 |
| 9. Saskatoon, Saskatchewan | 6 |
| 10. Halifax, Nova Scotia | 6 |

Top Canadian Groups (in alphabetical order)

- Brampton Economic Development Office
- Calgary Economic Development
- London Economic Development Corp.
- City of Mississauga Economic Development Office
- Montréal International
- Ontario East Economic Development Commission
- PÔLE Québec Chaudière-Appalaches
- Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority
- Toronto Region Research Alliance
- Vancouver Economic Development Commission

source: Conway Data New Plant Database

Top Canadian Metros

These areas were tops in corporate facility projects from June 2008-May 2009, according to the qualifying criteria of the Conway Data New Plant Database (at least \$1 million invested, at least 50 new jobs created, or at least 20,000 new sq. ft.):