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### **Engineers Canada Recognizes Federal Government's Commitment to Foreign Credential Recognition**

Ottawa, ON, December 5, 2011 — Today the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, announced funding worth \$785,438 toward the development of a competency-based assessment system for engineering work experience.

“We are very pleased to work with the federal government on this important initiative”, said Engineers Canada Chief Executive Officer, Chantal Guay, ing., P.Eng., M.Env., “The profession has made great strides with respect to foreign credential recognition and improving outcomes for international engineering graduates and this funding will help continue that work, improving the licensure process for both Canadian and international graduates.”

The starting point for all of this work was Engineers Canada's From Consideration to Integration project. It involved investigating the integration of international engineering graduates and developing recommendations on how to improve that process. Creating a competency-based system for the assessment of engineering work experience is a key way we identified that could improve the licensing process.

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*Engineers Canada is the national organization of the 12 provincial and territorial associations that regulate the practice of engineering in Canada and license the country's 234,000 members of the engineering profession. Engineers Canada is the business name of the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers.*

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