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### **Federal Government Reconfirms Commitment to Innovation**

**Ottawa, ON, October 14, 2011** – Engineers Canada is pleased to hear today that the Minister of State (Science and Technology) is reconfirming the federal government’s commitment to innovation through science, engineering and technology.

“We concur with Minister Goodyear that investments in research improve the quality of life of all Canadians and foster a growing economy and creates strong employment opportunities,” says Chantal Guay, ing., P.Eng., M.Env., chief executive officer of Engineers Canada.

By developing a strategic approach to investment, streamlining program delivery to help create conditions that attract talent and knowledge both here and from abroad, and by drawing on linkages between businesses, academia, professionals, the government, and by relying on the expertise of professionals like engineers, the federal government will help foster increased research and development investments in Canada.

Furthermore, streamlining existing programs will stimulate private sector investment in research and development by reducing their time and efforts in navigating through the funding and incentive processes.

“Engineers share with the federal government a commitment to economic development and an improved quality of life in Canada. We are looking forward to reviewing the Expert Review Panel on Research and Development’s report scheduled to be released on Monday, October 17, 2011.”

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