



## **WorldSkills 2009 – September 1-7, Calgary, Alberta**

### **What is the WorldSkills Competition?**

- Every two years, hundreds of young people, accompanied by their teachers and trainers, gather together from around the world to compete in various trades and technology skill categories to test themselves against demanding international standards.
- Competitors represent the best of their peers drawn from regional, provincial and national skill competitions held currently in most of the 51 member countries/regions of WorldSkills International.

### **Why was Alberta chosen to host WorldSkills?**

- Alberta was chosen as the ideal host for the 40<sup>th</sup> WorldSkills Competition to further the skills movement across the province and to establish a legacy of promoting careers in the trades and technologies to Alberta's next generation economy.

### **How will this competition benefit Alberta?**

The competition will benefit Alberta by:

- encouraging youth to explore careers in the trades and technology sectors,
- providing a tremendous learning opportunity for Alberta students and recognize outstanding achievement,
- highlighting the employers who share their expertise and train Alberta's tradespeople, and
- increasing international awareness of our province, as a key destination to learn, train, work, invest, visit or relocate.

### **WorldSkills Calgary 2009 quick facts:**

- Largest international competition in Calgary since the 1988 Olympics
- 900 competitors from 51 countries/regions
- 5,000 international experts, delegates and visitors
- 30 languages
- 45 skills competitions
- 3,000 volunteers
- 150,000 student and public spectators
- For more information on WorldSkills Calgary 2009, visit [www.worldskills2009.com](http://www.worldskills2009.com)

### **Who are Alberta members on Team Canada?**

Eight of the 38 members of Team Canada are from Alberta:

- Devon DeBoer, Autobody Repair, Calgary
- Daniel Green, Car Painting, Drumhellar
- Craig Spady, Electrical Installations, Red Deer
- Steven Dingwall, Industrial Control, Calgary
- Mathew Chadder, IT PC/Network Support, Millarville
- Tiffany Vandermeij, Painting and Decorating, Calgary
- Brad Chyz, Sheet Metal Technologies, Calgary
- Daniel Reid, Information Network Cabling, Cochrane

### **What are the criteria to participate?**

- To qualify for WorldSkills, annual regional and provincial competitions are held to select Team Alberta members to represent the province at the annual Canadian skills Competition.
- The Canadian Skills Competition held the year before an international competition is a qualifying year for WorldSkills.
- Age-eligible (17-22 years of age) winners of the Canadian Skills Competition go on to compete at the international level – WorldSkills.

### **How much funding is the Government of Alberta contributing to WorldSkills Calgary 2009?**

- The Government of Alberta has committed \$24 million to date in funding to help organize and stage the competition, and \$1.7 million in financial support to help school authorities (public, separate, Francophone and charter schools) transport Grade 9 and 10 students and their supervisors to the competition.

### **Who are the official leading supporters for this Competition?**

- Funding partners: Government of Canada, Government of Alberta (ministries of Advanced Education and Technology, Education and Employment and Immigration) and the City of Calgary.
- Event coordination: WorldSkills Calgary 2009 Ltd., WorldSkills International, Skills/Compétences Canada and Skills Canada Alberta.