



Nissan Canada Inc. Addresses Automotive Skills Shortage with a \$150,000 Donation to Algonquin College

Ottawa, ON, May 11, 2006 – Today Nissan Canada Inc. and three Ottawa-area Nissan dealers are helping to address the current skilled-trades shortage in the automotive industry with a donation to the Algonquin College Foundation and the College's Transportation Technology Centre.

Donations from Tony Graham Nissan, Walkley Nissan, 417 Nissan, and Nissan Canada Inc. total \$150,000. These donations will go to the Foundation's Transportation Technology Campaign and the establishment of the Nissan Canada Inc. Bursary, available to students in the College's Motive Power Technician Program.

"This donation from Nissan Canada will help Algonquin College continue to address the automotive skilled-trades shortage," said Algonquin College President Robert Gillett. "Above all at Algonquin College, we strive to address the career-training needs of our local community. Our partnership with Nissan Canada will help Algonquin continue to provide quality instruction in areas that business and industry have identified as essential in today's economy and provides our students with the skills they need to be job-ready upon graduation."

"This continued support from an automotive industry leader such as Nissan Canada is highly important to the College, our student population and dealer network," said John-Paul Tapp, Dean of the School of Transportation and Building Trades. "The community involvement demonstrated by Nissan Canada will have a direct impact on the quality of our programs and students that are learning in our state-of-the-art Transportation Technology Centre."

"Nissan Canada Inc. and its dealers place great emphasis on good corporate citizenship," said John Junker-Andersen, Director, Parts, Service and Q&A Nissan Canada Inc. "Education has been one area of focus for our company, particularly with respect to being part of the continuing education of future workers in the Canadian automotive industry."

The three Ottawa-area dealers are donating a total of \$75,000, which will be matched by Nissan Canada for a grand total of \$150,000 over a period of 5 years.

"On behalf of the three Ottawa-area dealerships, I am pleased to be here today to recognize the wonderful automotive program at Algonquin College and to offer our support by way of this donation," said Paul Giacomini, Dealer Principal, 417 Nissan.

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Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology is located in the Nation's Capital and the Ottawa Valley and is the second-largest college in Ontario. Algonquin is the leader in the integration of technology into the learning landscape. Algonquin College has a diverse population of 14,487 full-time students and 34,761 part-time registrations in more than 140 programs and is committed to student success.

About Nissan:

Nissan Canada Inc. (NCI) is the Canadian sales, marketing and distribution subsidiary of Nissan Motor Limited and Nissan North America, Inc. With offices in Vancouver (BC), Mississauga (ON), and Kirkland (QC), NCI directly employs 290 staff. There are 146 independent Nissan dealerships and 29 Infiniti retailers across Canada.

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