

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Algonquin College to Train Nigerian University Graduates in Network Technology

Algonquin College will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the government of Akwa Ibom, Nigeria, to train 70 Nigerian university graduates in different programs related to network technologies. This \$2.5 million contract will be delivered over two years with the students training at Algonquin's Woodroffe Campus and living in the College's residence. Upon graduation, the students will return to Nigeria to help establish and operate a network of connectivity across their country. Algonquin President Robert Gillett, His Worship Bob Chiarelli, Mayor, City of Ottawa, His Excellency Femi George, Ambassador and High Commissioner, Nigerian High Commission and other Nigerian government delegates will be on hand to speak at the signing of the MOU.

Who: Robert Gillett, President, Algonquin College
The Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Mayor, City of Ottawa
His Excellency Femi George, Ambassador, Nigerian High Commission
Dr. Ebebe A Ukpog, the Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Economic Development and Finance, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria
Dr. Umana O. Umans, the Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Finance, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria,
Foluke Olafimihan and Akin Olafimihan, Canadian Studies Limited

What: The official signing of an MOU between the government of Akwa Ibom, Nigeria, and Algonquin College

When: **Wednesday, August 17, at 2:00 p.m.**

Where: Algonquin College, Woodroffe Campus
The Restaurant International, Philip Killeen Centre (H Building)
1385 Woodroffe Ave.
Ottawa, ON
Parking is free the H Building parking lot

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