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LAURIE HAWN, M.P. EDMONTON CENTRE ANNOUNCES  
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA INVESTMENT IN NORQUEST COLLEGE.

**Edmonton, Alberta, September 9, 2009** — On behalf of the Honourable Gary Goodyear, Canada's Minister of State for Science and Technology, Laurie Hawn, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence and Member of Parliament (Edmonton Centre), today announced a Knowledge Infrastructure Program investment of \$1.4 million in NorQuest College.

This investment is part of the federal government's two-year, \$2-billion plan to repair and expand research and educational facilities at Canadian colleges and universities. The program is helping to provide economic stimulus and promote employment by creating jobs for engineers, architects, tradespeople and technicians. It is also helping to generate the advanced technological infrastructure needed to keep Canada's colleges and universities at the forefront of scientific advancement.

"This Government of Canada investment in NorQuest will provide a significant short-term economic stimulus to Edmonton Centre and will create jobs in this region," said MP Laurie Hawn. "Our government is investing in innovation to create jobs, to help our economy recover quickly and to improve the quality of life for Canadians."

"Our shared investments demonstrate a strong commitment to advancing opportunities, while building a knowledge-based economy," said Doug Horner, Minister of Alberta Advanced Education and Technology. "The total commitment of funding from Alberta with our Campus Alberta institutional partners is \$258 million, which will only strengthen the post-secondary system for generations to come."

NorQuest College was awarded \$1.4 million geared towards creating new classroom space through more effective use of their existing space.

"Last year, our enrolment grew by 18 per cent and we are expecting similar demand this year," said Dr. Wayne Shillington, President and CEO, NorQuest College. "This investment by the federal government's Knowledge Infrastructure Program will enable us to build new classrooms and increase learning capacity to better meet the needs of NorQuest students, employers and the communities we serve."

Canada's Economic Action Plan sets out to stimulate the Canadian economy over the next two years and to improve our long-term competitiveness through \$12 billion in new infrastructure investment, which includes the \$2-billion Knowledge Infrastructure Program. This new support is the next substantive investment in the Government of Canada's multi-year Science and Technology Strategy, *Mobilizing Science and Technology to Canada's Advantage*.

For more information about the Knowledge Infrastructure Program, including program criteria and application instructions, please visit [www.ic.gc.ca/knowledge-infrastructure](http://www.ic.gc.ca/knowledge-infrastructure).

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