



News Release

Prominent builder donates million dollars to NorQuest College

Support to help prepare Aboriginal and new immigrant adult learners for Alberta's workforce

October 3, 2006 – Landmark Group of Builders is donating \$1-million to NorQuest College to enhance its educational programs for both Aboriginal and new immigrant students. It's the largest community gift in NorQuest's 41 year history.

"Providing Aboriginals and new Canadians with quality programs and services translates to important workforce solutions for Alberta," says Reza Nasserri, CEO, Landmark Group of Builders. Nasserri, who emigrated from Iran in 1964, says he knows first hand the many challenges facing newcomers to Canada. "Opening doors to education for the people who need it most is something NorQuest does extremely well and we're committed to ensuring the College has the support it needs to enhance these important initiatives."

Nasserri founded Landmark in 1977 producing less than ten homes the first year. Today, Landmark Group of Builders has built more than 6,000 homes in Alberta and, following today's announcement, has donated more than \$2.5-million to educational institutions and social agencies through its Community Care Program.

"Landmark's generosity creates opportunity for NorQuest students by advancing two of our key initiatives in the areas of *Aboriginal Academic Development* and *Intercultural Communication*," says Dr. Wayne Shillington, President and CEO, NorQuest College. "Expanding our programs, improving student access and customizing workplace solutions for employers will help to strengthen Alberta's increasingly diverse workforce for the 21st century."

Since 1965, NorQuest has been a leader in providing language training, academic upgrading and business and health career programs to a diverse group of adult learners. One in five NorQuest students is Aboriginal and 60 per cent come from outside Canada representing more than 125 countries.

To learn more about NorQuest College and its many programs and services please visit www.norquest.ca.

For more on the Landmark Group of Builders please visit www.landmarkgroup.ca.

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