

NEWS RELEASE – IAESC and OACETT Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding

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The Indigenous Advanced Education and Skills Council (IAESC) and the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT) are proud to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

The signing of this MOU signifies as a shared commitment for the advancement of Indigenous environmental technician programs to be delivered by the Indigenous Institutes. As the certifying authority for practicing environmental technologists and technicians in Ontario, OACETT will work collaboratively with IAESC to develop a recognition protocol and process for the quality assurance of Indigenous environmental technician programs and create a pathway to certification for graduates.

“IAESC continues to prioritize strengthening new and existing relationships with organizations and regulatory bodies such as the OACETT; We are very pleased that the leadership of the OACETT recognizes the impact that this MOU will have on many Indigenous students and future graduates. This MOU will not only support Indigenous graduates and professionals, but their communities as well for future generations to come.”

**- Sean Monteith
Executive Director, IAESC**

“This partnership reflects OACETT’s commitment to supporting inclusive pathways into Ontario’s engineering technology profession. By working with IAESC and Indigenous Institutes, we can help support the quality and consistency of Indigenous environmental technician programs and ensure graduates of those programs have clear, recognized routes to certification, strengthening career opportunities for learners and their contribution to the communities they will serve.”

**- Cheryl Farrow
Chief Executive Officer, OACETT**

The Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT) is a non-profit, self-governing regulatory body and professional association of 20,000 members. OACETT is Ontario’s independent certifying body for engineering and applied science technicians and technologists and confers the certifications C.Tech. (Certified Technician) and C.E.T. (Certified Engineering Technologist). These certifications are recognized across Canada by employers and other engineering professionals.

OACETT promotes the interests of engineering and applied science technicians and technologists in industry, educational institutions, the public and government. OACETT was incorporated in 1962 and legislated under the Statutes of Ontario by the OACETT Act of 1984. The Act established OACETT as a self-governing body with right to title for its members. The provincial legislature passed the OACETT Act of 1998, a revised act that includes a description of work for technicians and technologists.

For more information about the MOU contact communications@iaesc.ca. Indigenous Institutes interested in the development of engineering technician and technologist programs are encouraged to contact qa@iaesc.ca.