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Federal/Provincial Infrastructure Investments Helping to Re-build the Economy and Postsecondary Institutions

TORONTO, ON - College and college/university students applaud both the Harper and McGuinty governments for recognizing and now delivering much needed infrastructure funds to Ontario's colleges and universities, says the College Student Alliance (CSA).

"Today's announcement of over \$1 billion for college and university infrastructure projects is definitely a welcomed one," says Justin Fox, President of the College Student Alliance. "Students have been advocating both the federal and provincial government to recognize the capacity issues being felt by our institutions and campuses and our aging infrastructure, buildings, classrooms and labs."

Industry Minister, Tony Clement and Ontario Training, Colleges and Universities Minister, John Milloy, announced Ontario's portion of the Knowledge Infrastructure Program and its first phase of infrastructure investments for the province. This program is designed to provide short-term stimulus for the economy and boost Canada's capacity for research and skills training in the long term. Over the next two years, Ontario's colleges and universities will receive \$1.476 billion, including \$587 million from the federal government, \$641.2 million from the province and \$248.1 million from other funding sources.

"Students are pleased that both levels of government are working together to deal with the current economic crisis," adds Fox. "Knowing that today's investment will provide tomorrow's students with the ability to utilize their knowledge and skills to lead Ontario and Canada to economic competitiveness and future prosperity."

The College Student Alliance (CSA) is an advocacy and services organization, which has been proudly serving Ontario's college and college/university students since 1975. The CSA currently represents 16 colleges and 23 student councils with over 110,000 full-time student members throughout the province.

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