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Minister Oberg to speak on building technology into schools at California education and research conference

Edmonton... Infrastructure and Transportation Minister Dr. Lyle Oberg will represent the Government of Alberta at the Sun Microsystems 2005 Worldwide Education and Research Conference in San Francisco, California, from February 14 - 17, 2005. The conference theme is "Building the Digital Campus Infrastructure."

A proponent of lifelong learning and a champion of innovation, Oberg will speak to delegates about the potential role technology can play to enhance learning, and how Alberta is using technology to support its education system. In his speech, Oberg will share what Alberta is doing to bring technology right into the classroom - starting with the building and modernizing of schools.

Oberg will also attend the Lifelong Learning Forum 2005 on February 17 where topics such as global education, and open standards and technology will be discussed.

"We need to build schools to accommodate the technology that is now available, and ensure Alberta remains an education leader," said Oberg. "I am keenly interested in discussing school modernization and technology integration and was honoured to be asked to share my ideas with the delegates at this important conference."

Key educators, technologists and visionaries from around the world who are playing a pivotal role in shaping education will attend the conference.

The estimated cost of the trip is \$1,400.

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Note: Please see attached Backgrounder for itinerary.

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Background

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Infrastructure and Transportation Minister travels to California

General Itinerary

Monday, February 14, 2005

- Depart Edmonton for San Francisco, California
- Arrive at 2005 Worldwide Education and Research Conference

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

- Attend conference

Wednesday, February 16, 2005

- Attend conference and deliver keynote address on "Future of ICT in Education"

Thursday, February 17, 2005

- Attend conference and Lifelong Learning Forum 2005

Friday, February 18, 2005

- Depart San Francisco, California, for Calgary

Full conference itinerary available at <http://www.sunerc05.com/site/agendaf.html>

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