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National Engineering Month to Show Students How They Can Design the Future

Ottawa, ON. February 23, 2009 — Engineers Canada and its members, the 12 provincial and territorial associations that regulate the engineering profession in Canada, are proud to announce that National Engineering Week is now known as National Engineering Month. During the month of March, this national celebration of engineering excellence will allow students aged eight to 14 to discover how they can shape the way Canadians live, work and play.

Rebranded to offer Engineers Canada’s members more flexibility in scheduling events, National Engineering Month introduces young people to the important and exciting engineering profession. Students will learn how engineers work in a myriad of disciplines, mixing their creative and problem solving skills with math, sciences and technology to come up with things that were once thought impossible.

“Students’ imaginations know no limit,” said Engineers Canada president Dick Fletcher, FEC, P.Eng. “Youth who participate in National Engineering Month’s interactive events and activities will have the chance to see their imagination come to life. My hope is that they realize an education built upon solid math and science skills, combined with a career in engineering, will provide them with the opportunity to go on to create a sustainable future for all Canadians.”

Engineering is integral to the quality of Canadians’ daily lives. “National Engineering Month shows students how, through engineering, they can make a difference and help to shape the world in which we live,” said Engineers Canada CEO Chantal Guay, P.Eng., ing., M.Env. “By effectively introducing the nation’s youth to engineering we are both strengthening our profession and helping to sustain and enhance the skills needed for Canada to compete in a global knowledge-based economy.”

Igloo building, artwork and essay contests, and impromptu design challenges, are just a few of the hands-on activities that will highlight many of the most important elements of being an engineer. All events are organized by the profession’s 12 provincial and territorial engineering licensing bodies, Canadian engineering students, teachers, faculties and volunteers. Event listings for each province and territory, along with more information about National Engineering Month, are available at www.nem-mng.ca

Engineers Canada is the national organization of the 12 provincial and territorial associations that regulate the practice of engineering in Canada and license the country's more than 160,000 professional engineers.

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