

**Media Release****October 25, 2010****Allied Council at AECL Supports New Algonquin College Campus**

One of the Ottawa Valley's largest skilled trades unions has added its support to the plan to build a new Algonquin College in the Ottawa Valley Campus. The Allied Council, which represents about 500 skilled trades, transportation and security workers at Atomic Energy of Canada's Chalk River Laboratories, has donated \$500 to the College's capital campaign.

Allied Council President Pam Pickering says Colleges are often the training ground for apprentices, and the union membership is excited about the opportunities the campus will bring to the area. "We are hopeful that the new campus will lead to expanded programming that will be available locally for our members, including our apprentices who often have to travel great distances to complete their in-school training. We are pleased to offer our support to the College and look forward to the new campus opening in 2012", adds Pickering.

The Allied Council is the latest union or professional employees' organization to provide a financial gift to the College's fundraising efforts. Others who have made contributions to the fundraising campaign include the Union of National Defence Employees at CFB Petawawa, the City of Pembroke's CUPE Local 24 members, and the City of Pembroke Police and Professional Firefighters' Associations.

Capital Campaign Chair Mark Huckabone says it is wonderful to see these organizations rallying around the cause for a new campus. "As the clock winds down to the start of construction in the spring of 2011, the excitement is building for our new community college. I commend the Allied Council at AECL for giving back to the College which has played such an important role in training thousands of local residents for various careers over the past four decades," adds Huckabone.

The College is working towards a fundraising goal of \$2.5-million towards the overall project cost of \$36-million. The new campus is scheduled to open in the fall of 2012.

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*In this photo, Pam Pickering, Union President, centre, and Jerry Fryc, Treasurer, right, present Jamie Bramburger with a cheque for \$500 for the new college campus facility.*

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