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Government nominated for technology award for Living Dictionary Website Project

IQALUIT, Nunavut (August 29, 2001) – Culture, Language, Elders and Youth Minister Peter Kattuk is pleased to announce that the *Inuktitut Living Dictionary Web Site Project* has been selected as a finalist for the Technology in Government Week - Distinction Awards 2001.

The *Inuktitut Living Dictionary Web Site* has been nominated in the *Innovative Service Delivery in the Provinces* category.

Technology in Government Week recognizes and celebrates the Internet technology advancements governments are making at the federal, provincial, and municipal levels in operations and service delivery. More than 200 nominations were received for this year's Distinction Awards and Nunavut's Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth (CLEY) is one of three finalists among 15 nominations.

"This nomination has added to the excitement and growth of the project," Minister Kattuk said. "The Living Dictionary merges technology with tradition. I believe it's another solid step towards making Inuktitut the working language of the Government of Nunavut."

Minister Kattuk will attend the Awards Gala on Monday, October 15 at the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Hull, Quebec, when the winners will be announced.

"Our nomination recognizes our dedication to Inuktitut as a vibrant, active language," Minister Kattuk said. "We are seeing Inuktitut communication in today's technologically literate society, and I think that's very exciting for our youth and for the health of the language as a whole."

The Distinction Awards Program was created nine years ago to reward leadership, excellence, and innovation in government technology applications.

The *Inuktitut Living Dictionary Web Site Project*, which received all funding from CLEY, officially launched its web site, www.livingdictionary.com, in October 2000. The site, which is managed and maintained by CLEY, was designed by two Ottawa based companies: Multilingual E-Data Solutions and Macadamian.

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