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## News Release

## Skills Information System Receives National Award

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (September 10, 2007)** – The Government of Nunavut has received a silver award from the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) for the Nunavut Community Skills Information System (NCSIS). The Department of Education program, selected from 55 submissions across Canada, has been recognized for innovations in the public service for 2007.

"Partnerships between communities, government and industry are vital to the success of this innovative system," said Minister of Education Ed Picco. "NCSIS is delivered at the community level, helping Nunavummiut take advantage of employment and training opportunities by determining their skills and training needs."

NCSIS provides accurate data to assess individual employability skills and assists in the creation of targeted training programs. It does this by gathering detailed information about the essential skills required by available jobs and then compares that to the essential skills held by Nunavummiut. Using this information, individual job seekers can be matched to appropriate jobs.

The Institute of Public Administration of Canada launched "The IPAC Award for Innovative Management" in 1990. Each year a new theme is chosen by the IPAC Board of Directors and the sponsors. Nominations are evaluated by a jury of eminent public servants, academics and business people.

The IPAC Award is sponsored by IBM and KPMG to celebrate and encourage innovative managerial initiatives in the public administration of Canada. The finalists make presentations at the IPAC Annual Conference and winners are declared at the final luncheon. IPAC has built a database of all entries to enable easy access to the wealth of ideas created by this award.

The theme of the 2007 competition was New Service Breakthroughs with Technology.

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