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INSTITUTE FOR CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP ANNOUNCES JURY FOR NEW BEST PRACTICES INITIATIVE

Toronto - The Institute for Canadian Citizenship (ICC) announces its jury for Best Practices, a new initiative to recognize three programs from organizations across Canada that have adopted model approaches to civic education. The Institute defines civic education as “the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to develop informed, active and responsible citizenship.”

“Best Practices is a program that will enable the Institute for Canadian Citizenship to recognize and reward outstanding and innovative programs that promote citizen education in Canada,” said CEO Curtis Barlow. “The Institute strives to foster a national conversation on the significance and importance of Canadian citizenship, and citizen education programs that are particularly effective in that regard deserve to be recognized and emulated.”

An award of \$2,500 will be presented to the top program, funds which are to go toward further dissemination of the program. The deadline for submissions is May 30, 2010. The judges are:

Dr. Jo-ann Archibald – Associate Dean of the Faculty of Education at UBC (Vancouver)

Riccardo Ciccarelli – Undergraduate Student, Faculty of Engineering, Dalhousie University (Halifax)

The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson – ICC co-chair

Mavis DeGirolamo, teacher of citizenship handbook and high school civics (Victoria)

Marty Katz – ICC board member, President and Founder, Prospero Pictures

Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Manager, Life Science Programs, Ontario Ministry of Research & Innovation (Toronto)

Mariana Sussi, Canadian Certified Counsellor, Winnipeg Narrative Therapy (Winnipeg)

Programs will be judged based on their degree of sustainability, impact and scope. All programs from organizations in Canada are eligible. The Institute for Canadian Citizenship is a national, non-profit organization founded and co-chaired by the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson and John Ralston Saul dedicated to engaging Canadians about citizenship. www.icc-icc.ca

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