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A WORLD OF RESEARCH RESOURCES IS JUST A CLICK AWAY

CANARIE funds and partners with CUCCIO-CDPIUC, the Canadian University Council of CIOs, to provide researchers with easy and secure access to an ever-increasing pool of web-based resources

[Ottawa, Ontario May 17 2010] Canada is joining a growing number of nations whose researchers will benefit from seamless access to resources such as research databases and electronic library holdings hosted at their institution, at those across the country and even at institutions around the world. This is made possible by the Canadian Access Federation, a service funded by CANARIE and delivered in partnership with CUCCIO-CDPIUC.

“The Canadian Access Federation supports greater collaboration across higher education and research communities,” notes Rick Bunt, President CUCCIO-CDPIUC. “It does this by providing the mechanisms to allow participating institutions and service providers to trust the identity information they receive about a user from another participating institution. CUCCIO-CDPIUC initiated this project several years ago, knowing it offers numerous benefits to users, institutions, and service providers.”

A key driver for the Canadian Access Federation is the need to reduce the risk of accidental or malicious exposure of data and other resources, as well as the cost and complexity involved in managing multiple “guest” accounts. Similar access federations are emerging in the international community and it is anticipated that these federations will join forces to facilitate global research.

“CANARIE is delighted to partner with CUCCIO-CDPIUC on this and build on the work they’ve begun by investing \$650,000”, says Jim Roche, President and CEO of CANARIE. “We encourage all Canadian universities to benefit from this initiative, join the Federation, and ensure Canada’s researchers have easy access to the data and information they need to be on the cutting edge of discovery and innovation.”

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CANARIE Inc. is Canada's Advanced Research and Innovation Network. Established in 1993, CANARIE manages an ultra high-speed network, hundreds of times faster than the internet, which facilitates leading-edge research and big science across Canada and around the world. More than 39,000 researchers at nearly 200 Canadian universities and colleges use the CANARIE Network, as well as researchers at institutes, hospitals, and government laboratories throughout the country. The CANARIE Network enables researchers to share and analyze massive amounts of data, which can lead to ground-breaking scientific discoveries. CANARIE's network, programs, and strategic partnerships with 12 regional networks in Canada, and 100 international networks in more than 80 countries, stimulate research that **delivers economic, social, and cultural benefits to Canadians.**

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