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DRAFT NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL STANDARD RELEASED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

As part of development of North America's first National Occupational Standard for GeoExchange Installer, the Electricity Sector Council (ESC) in partnership with CGC, has released the draft Standard for public comment. The draft document, presented in a survey format, may be accessed and responded to, at:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=UJBDoHnzxoS4ZpJZUA5d8w_3d_3d

CGC wishes to stress the importance of industry review in particular. This National Occupational Standard may be used in the coming years by colleges, government agencies, and large and small stakeholders such as employers, to define geoexchange installer duties in training, procurement, funding, program recognition, or other tasks and functions. CGC will use the final document in its annual CGC course materials redevelopment as necessary.

CGC has helped the ESC develop this standard document by assembling a representative group of nine installers from across Canada for a full-day session to describe their workday and sequence tasks in all areas of the installation process.

Comments should be submitted directly through the link provided **before March 4th, 2009**. Copies of comment or general comments may also be sent via email to Ted Kantrowitz, via ted@geo-exchange.ca or via fax or letter to the addresses on this page.

The Canadian GeoExchange™ Coalition acts as the industry catalyst to unite private and public sector stakeholders, and to expand the market for geoexchange™ technology in Canada. As the nexus of information, training, certification, industry standards and public awareness, CGC works with stakeholders to build the necessary infrastructure to foster the growth of the Canadian geoexchange™ industry. For more information, visit www.geo-exchange.ca

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BACKGROUNDER / Q & A

By completing this survey, you will help to validate the Skills Profile recently developed for geoexchange installers. Before you begin, here are some commonly asked questions:

What are Skills Profiles?

Skills Profiles describe the skills and knowledge needed to perform competently in the workplace. Specifically, the skills in this survey address the skills and knowledge needed to effectively install geoexchange systems.

Who can complete this survey?

Those who are involved in installing, maintaining, and troubleshooting geoexchange systems should complete this survey.

How long will the survey take to complete?

This survey will take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete.

What is the purpose of this survey?

This survey will:

- Ensure the skills and knowledge identified in the profile are accurate
- Determine which skills and knowledge are considered very important by geoexchange installers

The results from this survey will be used to create a relevant, industry-based Skills Profile for geoexchange installers across Canada.

We greatly appreciate your participation and feedback in this process.