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Minister Finley:

On behalf of Technology Professionals Canada (TPC), we would like to congratulate you on your re-appointment as Canada's Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development.

TPC is the national organization for technicians and technologists in British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Saskatchewan, representing some 85% (or almost 70,000) members of the profession in Canada. Technicians and technologists are integral members of the engineering team and are involved in the application of technology, either hands-on or design and analysis, in a wide range of sectors.

In support of these professionals, TPC is working together in four key areas: the harmonization of national standards for professional regulation and rights to practice; the development of a world-class model for accreditation of technology programs; recognition of technology professional associations by key stakeholders in education, industry, the engineering and technology communities, and government; and public policy matters in which technology professionals have a demonstrated interest and expertise.

As part of its interest in a world-class accreditation model, TPC has directed the creation of Technology Accreditations Canada (TAC) and has funded the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) to perform a comprehensive third party review of current technology accreditation practices as measured against best practices from other jurisdictions and sectors. CSA will conduct their study of the accreditation system and offer an opportunity for public comment. When the study is completed, TAC will make recommendations to TPC on how best to serve the interests of its membership based on the contents of the third party review.

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Yours sincerely,



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