



## **AMEC PARTNERS WITH CEMF ON NEW SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WOMEN IN ENGINEERING**

**(June 1, 2006) OTTAWA, Ontario** – More Canadian women will be able to pursue successful careers in engineering thanks to two new annual scholarships from AMEC.

The Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation (CEMF) is excited to announce its partnership with AMEC for the two scholarships for women in engineering beginning this fall. CEMF was founded in 1990 to develop scholarship and award programs encouraging women to choose a career in engineering and to honour of the memory of the 14 women at École Polytechnique whose contributions to Canada ended on December 6, 1989.

AMEC is funding the new \$10,000 AMEC Masters Scholarship in Engineering and the new \$5,000 undergraduate AMEC Scholarship in Engineering for Aboriginal Women. Both will be awarded annually for three years beginning in the fall of 2006.

As well, AMEC is ensuring these women will have the opportunity to gain valuable work experience by offering the scholarship recipients summer employment. AMEC's total commitment to CEMF's scholarship program is \$60,000.

The partnership comes at an essential time in Canada, with the number of women enrolling in accredited engineering programs on the decline. Total full-time female undergraduate enrolment has dropped from 20.6 per cent in 2001 to 18.5 percent in 2004. This decline is even more dramatic when compared with the fact that women account for close to 60 per cent of the overall undergraduate student body at Canadian universities. As well, women represent only 10 per cent of the 160,000 licensed engineers across Canada and the number of Aboriginal Women in engineering is significantly lower.

“AMEC recognizes that there is a real need to encourage more women to enter engineering,” says Michael Jolliffe, Vice President, Government Relations and Communications, AMEC. “We’re pleased to partner with the CEMF on new scholarships, and one which will encourage Aboriginal Women to enter engineering.”

These new scholarships will be awarded based on leadership, extracurricular activities and the applicant's dedication to encouraging more women to enter engineering, rather than academic performance. CEMF now offers a total of 10 scholarships at the graduate and undergraduate levels for women in engineering.

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Criteria and application information and forms on the new AMEC scholarships, along with information on all available scholarships, can be found on the CEMF website at [www.cemf.ca](http://www.cemf.ca).

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