



Media Release

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Today, the Building Owners & Managers Association of Canada (BOMA) Calgary announced its donation to Portage College to assist in the training of building operators. In making its \$35,000 donation, which will be matched under a provincial granting program, BOMA is helping to address the shortage of qualified building operators in the province.

At Portage College, programs to address this shortage are directed at northeastern Albertans within the College's service region. The College is especially excited about the potential to use these resources to train entry-level power engineering students, as well as using them to create partnerships with local high school boards.

According to William Partridge, President & CSO of BOMA Calgary, "The Portage College program is just what our expanding industry needs to help address the critical shortage of trained building operators in Alberta."

Dr. Trent Keough, President of Portage College, is very pleased with the support from BOMA. "The College is located right in the heart of oil and gas country and as such needs to be able to respond to the growing needs for power engineers. BOMA's donation will go a long way to helping the College develop training for entry level into this field of work."

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BOMA Calgary actively represents its members on issues and matters affecting the ownership, management and operation of office and industrial properties and promotes and enhances the commercial real estate industry.

Portage College is a public board-governed college operating under the Alberta Colleges Act. The College has been serving the region for over 40 years and is proud to be the first choice for learners in northeast Alberta. Portage boasts nine campus locations, which are strategically located throughout the region.