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Government of Canada supports launch of new PEC business acceleration facility.

Picton, Ontario, November 14, 2011 – Daryl Kramp, Member of Parliament for Prince Edward–Hastings, on behalf of the Honourable Gary Goodyear, Minister of State for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario, today launched the PEC Innovation Centre after a \$150,000 investment from the Government of Canada’s Eastern Ontario Development Program (EODP).

“Our government is pleased to partner with PELA CFDC to support the people and businesses in Prince Edward County,” said Daryl Kramp, Member of Parliament for Prince Edward-Hastings. “The Prince Edward County Innovation Centre is strengthening the local economy by creating good jobs and also generating the interest of businesses wanting to locate here.”

The new PEC Innovation Centre is a \$1.25 million, 15,000 sq. ft., 24 suite, tech-sector focused business acceleration facility that brings together private and public sector financing, mentorship, post-secondary educational institutions, and business advisory services in the former Tip of the Bay Hotel on scenic Picton harbour. The facility all ready has 7 residents that employ over 25 young people with science, technology, engineering and mathematics backgrounds. The following tech firms have opened operations in PEC:

- **UCourse Pack. Inc**- delivering a tablet-based app that transforms traditional college & university course material into a dynamic digital learning tool.
- **Tec-Garde Mobile Solutions Ltd**- building a tablet-based enterprise peripheral that will assist retail merchants and data capture and analysis for service personel.

- **IDC Software Inc.** - Innovative smartphone and tablet computer software development firm current working on healthcare applications.
- **Dealer Plus Inc.** - building web-enabled productivity and marketing tools for car dealerships.
- **Cibo Systems Ltd.** – tablet-based restaurant management system that uses mobile technology to increase efficiency and customer convenience.
- **Envirolytics Ltd.** – Smartphone app tool that assists customers in completing home energy audits and provides green product education.
- **Harvistor LLP.**- Next generation wind power design and manufacture using a derrieus turbo blade system.

Conrad Guziewicz, developer of the facility commented, “I have made many investments in PEC but the new PEC Innovation Centre has the most potential to dramatically impact the prosperity of our community. The jobs and investment that we have in the first 6 months of operation have been incredible and we have several more investments that will be announced in the coming weeks. None of this would have been possible without my partnership with PELA CFDC and the Government of Canada.”

Debra Marshall, Chair of PELA CFDC commented “PELA CFDC has been a leader in investment attraction for over 20 years. We are pleased to be working with private sector partner Conrad Guziewicz to foster a new technology cluster in PEC. The 25, year-round jobs that have been created and more than \$1million in investment that has been made to date will ensure a prosperous PEC into the next decade. ”

The Government of Canada’s Eastern Ontario Development Program (EODP) was a two-year \$20 million economic stimulus measure announced as part of [Canada's Economic Action Plan](#) and administered by the Federal Development Agency of Southern Ontario and delivered by the CFDC’s of eastern Ontario. This program was recently renewed for \$30 million over the next 3 years.

PELA CFDC is one of 37 CFDCs in Southern Ontario funded by the Community Futures Program through Fed Dev Ontario. CFDCs deliver a wide variety of programs and services to support community economic development and small business growth. They employ local staff and are each governed by a volunteer board of directors, made up of local residents representative of the community.

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