

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Okanagan Science & Technology Council (OSTEC) would like to advise that Douglas MacLeod, the current Executive Director, informed the board that he will be stepping down from his role at OSTEC as of December 31, 2009. Douglas has accepted a position with Okanagan College as Associate Dean – Science, Technology & Health. Even though we are disappointed to lose Douglas as Executive Director, we recognize that this is a great opportunity and we are very happy that he remains in the Okanagan technology sector.

The OSTEC Board extends its congratulations to Douglas in his new role and thanks him for the dedication he has given during his time with OSTEC.

Douglas did a fantastic job of building and empowering his staff that will continue to provide the technology community with the high level of programs and services they have come to expect from OSTEC. “Without the dedication of the staff we would never have been able to do what OSTEC has accomplished since I came on board,” commented Douglas MacLeod. “I want to thank the staff for their hard work and dedication to the Okanagan technology community.”

In the interim, David Jenkins, Board President, will ensure that the essential roles of the Executive Director are continued as the Board reviews next steps for the organization.

OSTEC further advises that, effective December 21, 2009 it will be moving its office to co-locate with the Okanagan Research & Innovation Centre (ORIC) at Suite 108 – 1405 St. Paul Street in Kelowna. This move is a first step in forging a stronger strategic alliance with ORIC to better serve the needs of the Okanagan technology community from start-up through to maturity as world-class companies.

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