

Dates to Remember

Partnerships Trends in Cyberinfrastructure Development

December 8, 2008

Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge

www.cybera.ca

2009 International CES

January 8-11, 2009

Las Vegas, NV

www.cesweb.ore

CCGD Western Conference

January 28-29, 2009

Calgary, AB

www.ccgd.ca

Canadian Financing Forum

January 29, 2009

Vancouver, BC

www.financingforum.com

Financing Your Vision Seminar

February 3, 2009

Calgary, AB

www.calgarytechnologies.com/fyv

Recent News

DataGardens Teams Up With Stantec and U of A for \$600 K Project

Precarn, an independent, not for profit company that supports pre-commercial development of leading edge technologies has approved a \$600K grant for a project led by DataGardens Inc. The grant will help DataGardens develop new intelligent systems software to enhance its existing Syntropy product line. DataGardens will conduct the development for the project in collaboration with Stantec Inc. and the University of Alberta. Stantec's role will be to help DataGardens design the new software with a focus on a pressing market need. Meanwhile, the University of Alberta will contribute advanced networking facilities and researchers to the initiative. For more info about Precarn:

<http://www.precarn.ca/about/index.html>

Sunflower King Speaks!

Spitz International Inc., Canada's top producer of sunflower and pumpkin seeds is being acquired by PepsiCo. Please join us on January 28 to hear Spitz founders, Tom and Emmy Droog, and Myles Hamilton of Spitz International talk about this experience. We are expecting this evening to "sell out" so please visit our website to register for more information: <http://www.avactld.com>.

Alberta Launches Innovation Voucher Pilot Program

Alberta Advanced Education and Technology launched the voucher pilot program in the last week of November. The program is designed to enhance the ability of small technology and knowledge-driven businesses operating in Alberta to contribute to the growth and diversification of the Alberta economy. The voucher program aims to assist small businesses move more rapidly from concepts and ideas to commercial products and services, thereby gaining a competitive advantage in domestic and export markets. It will help to build links between Alberta's public and non-/not-for-profit service providers and small businesses and provide support to Alberta's small businesses, including those located in areas outside of major metropolitan centres

Vouchers will be available in two values to a maximum of \$10,000 or \$50,000. Vouchers can be used for fee-based services such as marketing studies, business advice, or business formation or for more substantial technology development activity

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Agri-Food Innovation Forum

February 10-12, 2009

Toronto, ON

www.agrifoodforum.com

Calgary CVCA Networking Reception

February 12, 2009

Calgary, AB

www.cvca.ca

CTIA Wireless 2009

April 1-3, 2009

Las Vegas, NV

www.ctiawireless.com

BioFinance

April 28-29, 2009

Calgary, AB

www.biofinance.ca

2009 CVCA Annual Conference

May 27-29, 2009

Calgary, AB

www.cvca.ca

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such as product prototyping, lab verification, field testing, etc. The following is a listing of organizations that are approved to provide services to recipients of the Alberta Innovation Voucher Pilot Program.

- ACAMP
- Agri-Food Discovery Place
- Alberta Research Council
- Alberta Terrestrial Imaging Center
- Applied Research & Innovation Services
- Banff New Media Institute
- C-FER Technologies Inc.
- Calgary Technologies Inc.
- Centre for Excellence in Print Media
- Centre for Research & Innovation, Grande Prairie Reg. College
- CETAC-WEST
- Cybera
- Edmonton Waste Management Centre of Excellence
- Food Processing Development Centre
- Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital
- IGNITE, University Technologies International
- iRSM
- Medical Ward of the 21st Century
- Medicine Hat College
- Northern Alberta Business Incubator
- NAIT Shell Manufacturing Centre
- National Institute for Nanotechnology
- Office of Applied Research and Innovation

More information about the Innovation Voucher Pilot Program can be obtained at:

<http://www.advancededucation.gov.ab.ca/>

SemBioSys Begins Phase I/II Trial of Insulin Produced in Plant Seeds

SemBioSys Genetics Inc. announced that it has initiated a phase I/II clinical trial of its plant-produced insulin with the first injection of its drug in humans. The trial, taking place in the United Kingdom (UK), will include up to 30 healthy volunteers in a three-arm study (SBS-1000 insulin and two commercial standards) to demonstrate the bioequivalence of safflower-produced insulin to comparator insulin products. Full results are expected to be available during the first half of 2009. For more info:

<http://micro.newswire.ca/36078-0.html>