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OCE's Jessica Woolard recognized as energy leader of tomorrow by British High Commission

TORONTO – Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE) Inc. is pleased to announce that Jessica Woolard from OCE's Centre of Excellence for Energy, has been awarded a prestigious three-month British Fellowship at Cambridge University. Her placement started on January 12, 2009.

This is the second year in a row OCE has participated in the Chevening Fellowship program, which invites mid-career professionals from 100 countries to further their knowledge in a three-month, tailored course of study. The Fellowship is funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and administered by the British Council.

Woolard was invited to apply for the competitive fellowship last year. The fellowship can only be awarded to three people in any one country. Candidates are hand-picked by the British High Commission.

Woolard accepted a placement in the 'Economics of Climate Change' program and will be accompanied by professionals from nine other countries, including Brazil, China, and Indonesia. Fellows will build on their existing knowledge of environmental economics and the movement towards a low-carbon global economy through a creative mix of interacting teaching methods.

"We are honored that the British High Commission, for the second year running, has recognized the talent and leadership potential that resides within OCE's Centre of Excellence for Energy," said Mark Romoff, OCE President and CEO. "Jessica's participation in international programs like the Chevening Fellowship, which cultivates young leaders from around the world, is critical to building tomorrow's knowledge economy in Ontario."

According to British High Commissioner, Anthony Cary, the United Kingdom and Ontario share similar goals with respect to climate change.

"This is perhaps the greatest single challenge facing the next generation. How do we manage the transition to a low-carbon, high-growth world economy? And how can we co-ordinate urgent and radical international action when local circumstances vary so greatly, and the challenges look so different to societies at different stages of development? The global context is evident in the diversity of origins of the Fellows with whom Jessica Woolard will be working while she is in the UK. I congratulate her on winning this important fellowship. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with her and with her colleagues at OCE's Centre of Excellence for Energy."

About Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE) Inc. (www.oce-ontario.org)

Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE) Inc. drives the commercialization of cutting-edge research across key market sectors to build the economy of tomorrow and secure Ontario's global competitiveness. In doing this, OCE fosters the training and development of the next generation of innovators and entrepreneurs and is a key partner with Ontario's industry, universities, colleges, research hospitals, investors and governments. OCE's five Centres work in communications and information technology, earth and environmental technologies, energy, materials and manufacturing and photonics.

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