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**GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND ONTARIO ANNOUNCE KNOWLEDGE  
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS UNDERWAY: GROUNDBREAKING  
CELEBRATION AT LOYALIST COLLEGE**

BELLEVILLE, Ontario, November 12, 2009 — Daryl Kramp, MP for Prince Edward-Hastings, Leona Dombrowsky, MPP for Prince Edward-Hastings, and Loyalist College President Maureen Piercy today celebrated the groundbreaking for the Sustainable Skills, Technology, and Life Sciences Centre (SSTLSC). The project received federal and provincial funding totalling over \$16 million through the Knowledge Infrastructure Program and Ontario's 2009 Budget.

The new centre will be a multi-use facility for technology and trades training. Combining renewed "green" space and new space, SSTLSC will showcase the integration of green design and technologies into a learning environment. The state-of-the-art facility will be dedicated to a wide range of skills training including leading edge programs in manufacturing, skilled trades, biotechnology and environmental sciences.

The centre will support economic development in the local communities by offering pre-employment, apprenticeship and postsecondary programs as well as customized courses designed to meet the changing needs of the industry and the labour market.

In total, the governments of Canada and Ontario are investing \$1.5 billion in 49 projects at Ontario's colleges and universities, through the Knowledge Infrastructure Program (KIP) and the Ontario 2009 Budget.

"By renewing the facilities at Loyalist College, researchers in our region will have the tools they need to be global leaders in their field and pursue world-class excellence," said MP Daryl Kramp. "Furthermore, this investment will provide significant economic stimulus and job creation in our local communities."

The Knowledge Infrastructure Program, a two-year, \$2 billion economic stimulus measure to support infrastructure enhancement at Canadian post-secondary institutions is part of the \$12 billion in new infrastructure investment allocated under Canada's Economic Action Plan.



The program is providing real economic stimulus and employment by creating local jobs for engineers, architects, trades people and technicians. It is also helping to generate the advanced technological infrastructure needed to keep Canada's research and educational facilities at the forefront of scientific advancement.

"The Ontario government is committed to students. By investing in this capital project we will ensure that students have the resources necessary to obtain the best education possible, enabling them to make a sustainable contribution to the future economy of our province," said MPP Leona Dombrowsky.

The Government of Ontario, in its 2009 budget – *Confronting the Challenge: Building Ontario's Economic Future*, is committed to investing in infrastructure and has designated \$780 million to colleges and universities to modernize facilities and boost long-term research and skills training capacity over the next two years.

"The Sustainable Skills, Technology, and Life Sciences Centre will provide a hub for programs and curriculum development for the skills area and the jobs which are so important to the prosperity of our province and our country," said Maureen Piercy, President of Loyalist College. "We want to thank Daryl Kramp, our Member of Parliament, and Leona Dombrowsky, our Member of Provincial Parliament, for their foresight and leadership in supporting the college in this initiative."

For more information about the Knowledge Infrastructure Program, including program criteria, application instructions and a list of the approved projects to date, please visit [www.ic.gc.ca/knowledge-infrastructure](http://www.ic.gc.ca/knowledge-infrastructure).

For information about how the Government of Ontario is helping to build and revitalize infrastructure across the province, please visit [www.mei.gov.on.ca/en/infrastructure](http://www.mei.gov.on.ca/en/infrastructure).

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