

# Press Release

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## North/South Climate Change Network to be created thanks to OTF grant

Sudbury, ON, June 6, 2008 – The Mining Innovation, Rehabilitation and Applied Research Corporation (MIRARCO) and the Clean Air Partnership (CAP) shared plans to form a North/South Climate Change Network (N/SCCN) thanks in part to a \$349,200 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). Rick Bartolucci, MPP for Sudbury, joined OTF representative Jean Warwick Conroy to congratulate members of N/SCCN on their new venture at the Willet Green Miller Centre.

"Our government recognizes the need to support projects that focus on climate change as well as other environment issues and I am proud that we are investing in these types of opportunities right here in Sudbury," said MPP Bartolucci.

Over the next 30 months, the OTF grant will be used to create a learning environment where communities in the north and south of Ontario can share solutions to the issue of climate change, including adapting to the negative impacts of climate change. The network will use technology such as video and teleconferencing to reach urban, northern and remote communities.

"The network will create an environment where communities and stakeholder groups within Ontario can learn, share success stories and collectively advance the province's knowledge on climate change solutions," said Al Douglas, project co-lead. "A large part of the work will be focussed on educating municipalities on how they are vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and stressing the need for adaptation in their planning."

MIRARCO is no stranger to climate change research. It hosted the Ontario office of the Canadian Climate Impacts and Adaptation Research Network (C-CIARN), from 2001 to 2007. It now houses the provincially supported Ontario Centre for Climate Impacts and Adaptation Resources (OCCIAR).

"The N/SCCN is a natural progression for MIRARCO. We now want to bridge the gap between northern and southern Ontario and we're continuing to improve the province's preparedness for, and knowledge of climate change," said Douglas.

MIRARCO's southern Ontario counterpart—Clean Air Partnership (CAP), is a registered charity established in 2000 at the Toronto Smog Summit. CAP's goal is to improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gases for healthy communities.

Funding for this project comes from the Ontario Trillium Foundation's Future Fund, a grant created to enhance the future of Ontario's communities. It was announced on April 24<sup>th</sup> that the N/SCCN would receive \$349,200 over a 30 month period.

**MIRARCO-** Mining Innovation, Rehabilitation and Applied Research Corporation, founded in 1998, is a not-for-profit applied research and technical service company formed through collaboration between Laurentian University and the private and public sectors. MIRARCO is located in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada. We promote mining innovation and provide a bridge between researchers and industry.

**Clean Air Partnership (CAP)**-The Clean Air Partnership (CAP) is a registered charity. It was established at the Toronto Smog Summit in June 2000. It is a registered charity that works in partnership with utilities, schools, businesses, governments and community groups to promote and coordinate actions to improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gases for healthy communities.

**Ontario Trillium Foundation**-The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is one of Canada's leading grantmaking foundations and is an agency of the Government of Ontario. The OTF is a catalyst that enables Ontarians to work together to enhance the quality of life in their communities. It believes that communities across Ontario are rich in talent, creativity and drive, and their grants stimulate communities to build on these assets.

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