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## Land surveyors agree on labour mobility

*Edmonton...* The Association of British Columbia Land Surveyors (ABCLS) and the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association (ALSA) have signed a mutual recognition agreement to comply with the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA).

“Today’s announcement is another indication of the tremendous progress being made to improve labour mobility between Alberta and British Columbia,” said Ron Stevens, Alberta Deputy Premier and Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations. “Both associations deserve credit for working collaboratively to increase opportunities for their members and consumers in both provinces.”

British Columbia Minister of Economic Development, Colin Hansen, agreed. “These two professional organizations have taken a major step forward, enabling their respective memberships to enjoy the benefits of un-encumbered labour mobility between B.C. and Alberta,” said Hansen. “The land surveyors in both provinces join a growing list of professions and occupations aligning themselves with the TILMA to maximize their participation in the flourishing economies of British Columbia and Alberta.”

Signed in April, 2006, the TILMA strives to reduce and eliminate barriers to the free movement of workers, goods, services and investments. The TILMA came into force on April 1, 2007. Canada’s most comprehensive inter-provincial trade agreement, the TILMA creates a market of more than 7.7 million people – the nation’s second largest economy.

“B.C. land surveyors wanted to access a wider spectrum of opportunities for employment and professional development,” said ABCLS Registrar Chuck Salmon. “The labour mobility agreement with our Alberta colleagues, operating under the umbrella of the TILMA, creates new and exciting choices for our members.”

“This agreement between our two associations will benefit the public and the economy by creating a significantly larger pool of land surveying companies and land surveyors across both provinces,” said ALSA President Ron Hall. “The agreement is fully in keeping with the spirit of the TILMA, because it’s all about enhancing possibilities for mutual economic prosperity.”

More information on the TILMA is available at [www.tilma.ca](http://www.tilma.ca).

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