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NVIT Welcomes Newest Board Members

Merritt, BC 11/20/12 – Nicola Valley Institute of Technology is pleased to announce the appointment of two new members to its Board of Governors. Charlene Taylor and Harry Nyce, Jr. were both appointed as BC Aboriginal members-at-large by the Province of BC. Angela Wesley, Board Chair was re-elected for another one-year term at the November Board of Governors meeting.

The NVIT Board of Governors sets the institute's overall direction, its Mission, Vision and Values as well as acts as a key link with communities. "Our Board of Governors plays an integral role in ensuring that NVIT continues to meet the needs of Aboriginal students and our communities," says NVIT President Ken Tourand, "we are excited to welcome Ms. Taylor and Mr. Nyce, and look forward to the benefit of their educational, administrative, and cultural expertise.

A member of the Heiltsuk Nation, Charlene Taylor comes to the NVIT Board of Governors with a wealth of experience including comprehensive land claims, the BC Treaty Process, and the economic development of First Nations communities. Ms. Taylor is the first Aboriginal woman to hold the position of Director at the Office of the Auditor General of Canada in Vancouver as well as the first Aboriginal woman to earn her Chartered Accountant designation in Canada. She has been involved in a number of high profile performance reports, many of which have contributed to changes in the areas of education and child and family services.

Harry Nyce, Jr., a member of the Tsimshian and Nisga'a First Nations, has served as the Chief Executive Officer of Village of Gitwinksihlkw, BC since 1994. Mr. Nyce, received a master's in Business Administration from the University of Northern British Columbia, as well as a Bachelor of Science from the University of Victoria. He now serves as an instructor at the Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a Institute, the University of Northern British Columbia and the BC Justice Institute.

“I am pleased to serve a second term as Board Chair for such a committed, talented and visionary group. Preparing to celebrate NVIT’s 30th year in September 2013 serves as a reminder of the significance NVIT has played in the strengthening of our communities,” says newly re-elected Board Chair Angela Wesley. “As a Board, we look forward to expanding on our past successes and supporting NVIT as a leading comprehensive Aboriginal public post-secondary institute.”

As the *HOME* of Aboriginal public post-secondary education in BC, NVIT’s student body represents over 70% of the Aboriginal communities across the province. NVIT invites students from around the country to further themselves with over 300 courses and programs ranging from trades training to Bachelor of Social Work. With campuses in Merritt and Vancouver, online courses and community-based deliveries throughout Canada, NVIT serves more than 1400 students annually. www.nvit.ca

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