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David Johnston Research + Technology Park Receives Excellence in Economic Development Award from the International Economic Development Council

David Johnston Research & Technology Park received a Gold Excellence in Economic Development Award for its 2012 project in the category of Magazines for communities with populations of 25,000 – 200,000 from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC).

The honor was presented at an awards ceremony on Tuesday, October 8, during the IEDC Annual Conference, which was held October 6-9, in Philadelphia, Penn.

“The Excellence in Economic Development Awards recognizes David Johnston Research & Technology Park as being one of the leading organizations in the industry for innovation, creativity and successful strategies,” said IEDC chair, Paul Krutko. “These awards are meant to honor the organizations and individuals who are dedicated to making a positive change in their communities. This organization uses creative solutions and inventive ideas, and offers other regions a wonderful example to learn and benefit from. The award represents an acknowledgment and appreciation for David Johnston Research & Technology Park’s dedication to continuous growth within itself, as well as improving the industry overall.”

This dynamic annual publication of the David Johnston Research + Technology Park at the University of Waterloo captures the exciting people and projects that work in this collaborative environment located on the north campus of the institution and is distributed to all the tenants in the park as a pride piece, to major stakeholders, economic development partners, and to consulates around the world. Today the R+T Park is home to 50+ companies and 3,500 knowledge workers. Tenant companies include global leaders such as SAP, Open Text, CISCO, Blackberry, AGFA Healthcare and almost two dozen start-ups in the Accelerator Centre. [W]www.rtpark.uwaterloo.ca [W] www.acceleratorcentre.com

IEDC's Excellence in Economic Development Awards recognize the world's best economic development programs and partnerships, marketing materials, and the year's most influential leaders. These awards honor organizations and individuals for their efforts in creating positive change in urban, suburban, and rural communities.

About the International Economic Development Council

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is a non-profit membership organization serving economic developers. With more than 4,000 members, IEDC is the largest organization of its kind. Economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities, by creating, retaining and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth and provide a stable tax base. From public to private, rural to urban, and local to international, IEDC's members are engaged in the full range of economic development experience. Given the breadth of economic development work, our members are employed in a wide variety of settings including local, state, provincial and federal governments, public private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities and a variety of other institutions. When we succeed, our members create high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions.www.iedconline.org

About David Johnston Research & Technology Park

Named after the fifth President of the University of Waterloo and the current Governor General of Canada, the University of Waterloo's David Johnston Research + Technology Park is a \$214-million project that brings together the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario, the Region of Waterloo, the City of Waterloo, Communitech, and Canada's Technology Triangle in a unique partnership. Designed to accommodate 1.2 million square feet of office space on 120-acres (49 hectares), the R+T Park is an innovation centre for Canada's top technology talent. The park provides a powerfully supportive base for radical, high impact research. The park is filled with companies who seek commanding commercial advantage through technological leadership – organizations with the vision and drive to shift the ground under their competitors. Gain access to the newest technology and research options. Proud and active member of AURP, AURP Canada, IASP, NBIA, and CABI

Stats: Broke ground in 2002, 2012 – 60+ companies, 3500 knowledge workers in nine buildings occupying 860,000 square feet. The tenth project in the park is underway and will focus on the convergence of global companies with graduate start-ups and co-op students.

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