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## **Director Education Program Confirmed Success in Iqaluit Nunavut**

TORONTO, June 25 /CNW/ - The Directors' Education and Accreditation Program (DEAP) has been a resounding success for senior government and business leaders in Iqaluit, Nunavut. The program, offered by the Canadian arm of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA), an international leader in governance training and education, recently celebrated its 13 graduates in Iqaluit.

Alan Carriere, a graduate of the program and a director on the Board of Qullik Energy Corporation found the courses to be "well structured, well defined and presented by the best in their respective fields." After a week of in depth instruction, Mr. Carriere stated the DEAP program is "the ultimate Corporate Governance training session one can hope for."

The DEAP program, which had its initial launch in Canada last fall in Toronto, has also been extremely successful in the Caribbean. The program consists of four modules: Governance, Financial Reporting and Disclosure, Risk Management and Strategy, all taught by experienced industry leaders.

According to Janis Riven, past President ICOSA and Chair of its Continuing Professional Development Committee, "the DEAP curriculum emphasizes a practical approach to learning, allowing Directors to more effectively manage their responsibilities to their organization and their stakeholders." Ms. Riven explained that also unique to the program is the professional designation of Acc. Dir. (Accredited Director).

ICSA in Canada conducts the DEAP program along with its existing partners, which include Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, AON Reed Stenhouse, Canada, and a yet to be announced finance partner.

"Companies having a DEAP graduate join them have on their Boards of Directors the best governance professionals the world has to offer," said Ms. Riven. The schedule for DEAP sessions for the balance of 2008 is:

Vancouver - September 11-13  
Toronto - September 24-26  
Ottawa - October 6-8  
Montreal - October 29-31  
Calgary - November 24-26

ICSA is the only organization to provide a globally recognized professional program leading to international designations (ACIS and FCIS) for governance professionals, corporate secretaries and professional administrators. The Institute has 36,000 designation-holders and 28,000 students in over 70 countries. For more information, visit [www.icsacanada.org](http://www.icsacanada.org).

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