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Task Force on Tax Assistance for Resource Regions and the New Economy

Mainly private meetings in Québec

Québec, September 21, 2007 – The Task Force on Tax Assistance for Resource Regions and the New Economy continued its meetings on September 21 in Québec. These were essentially private discussions. The Québec meeting is the only one scheduled in the national capital region.

Summary of the day of meetings

During the day the Task Force met with representatives of six companies from different sectors of activity, but all established in the Centre national des nouvelles technologies de Québec.

The companies emphasized the impact the tax assistance measures for the new economy had in helping them start up their operations and the support that these measures represented for reinvestment and staying competitive. They discussed with the Task Force the effect the termination of these measures could have, and the form that alternative assistance measures could take.

At the beginning of the afternoon, as part of its public consultations, the Task Force heard from Plate-forme création multimédia. Established by Ville de Québec and Université Laval, this organization offers support to individuals and entrepreneurs promoting projects in the information technology and multimedia sector.

The organization's representative zeroed in on the close relationship between the creation of the Centre national des nouvelles technologies de Québec and the revitalization of the downtown core, emphasizing the synergy flowing from the establishment of the CNNTQ and the simplicity of the assistance program.

The complete recording of the public consultations can be found at www.gtaf.gouv.qc.ca

The Task Force's next meetings

The Task Force resumes its meetings on September 25 in Rivière-du-Loup and Rimouski.

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