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

**First Visit to Montréal**

Québec, September 13, 2007 – The Task Force on Tax Assistance for the Resource Regions and the New Economy made its first visit to Montréal, as part of the series of meetings organized for September and October.

**Summary of the day's meetings**

The Task Force devoted the morning to a number of private discussions to obtain concrete and practical information on the application conditions of the tax assistance it is analyzing. It met with Investissement Québec as well as three companies based in Montréal that receive tax assistance for the new economy.

In the early afternoon, the Task Force received representatives of TechnoCompétences, the sector labour committee covering the information and communications technology sector.

The TechnoCompétences representatives underscored the sector's vitality. They discussed each of the questions raised in the discussion paper with the Task Force. The TechnoCompétences representatives stressed the need, for the sector, to meet four challenges, namely the challenges of labour, commercialization, financing and productivity.

The recording of the Task Force's meeting with TechnoCompétences will soon be available at: [www.gtaf.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.gtaf.gouv.qc.ca)

**The Task Force's work**

The series of meetings will resume on September 19 in Saint-Georges.

The Québec government set up the Task Force on June 27, 2007. Its mandate is to assess the tax assistance for the resource regions and the new economy and its impact, as well as to propose new avenues for the development of the specific territories and activity sectors concerned. The Task Force is chaired by Robert Gagné; the other two members are Luc Godbout and Guy Lacroix.

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