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**British Columbia Transmission Corporation supports education for BC women
through the Minerva Foundation**

Vancouver - The Minerva Foundation for BC Women salutes British Columbia Transmission Corporation (BCTC) for its generous gift of \$5,000 in support of the Foundation's educational awards at BCIT in Vancouver and at the College of New Caledonia in Prince George.

The goal of Minerva's education award program is to support women facing barriers to education, particularly single moms, women with disabilities, aboriginal and immigrant women and mature women going back to school and women that are pursuing non traditional studies.

The Minerva Foundation provides funds to thirteen colleges and five universities throughout the province, which are matched dollar for dollar by each institution. Each year the demand continues to grow for the education awards, which range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Through the generous support of Minerva donors and participating institutions, more than \$600,000 has been distributed since the inception of this program in 2001.

BCIT award winner, Irina Sequeda, a recent immigrant from Columbia, studying architectural technology, says "the Minerva award has been extremely helpful to getting me through the economic challenges of being both a single parent and a student." Irina looks forward to beginning a career in the construction industry once she completes her studies.

"We are pleased to support such a great cause," says Jane Peverett, BCTC's Chief Financial Officer and Minerva mentor. "I wish all of the recipients of the Minerva scholarships success in their academic endeavors and look forward to seeing them develop into leaders in their communities."

The British Columbia Transmission Corporation is a Crown corporation that began operations in August 2003. It is an independent electric transmission company that is accountable for the operations, maintenance and planning of BC Hydro's high-voltage electric transmission system. BCTC ensures fair and open access to the electricity grid, and creates value and new opportunities for our customers and stakeholders by providing safe, reliable and cost-effective transmission services.

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