

Research Infosource Releases
All-New *Canada's Top 20 Research Communities List 2006*
Montreal, Québec City and Sherbrooke Named Research Communities of the Year

Toronto – October 31, 2006 – Today, Research Infosource released its all-new *Canada's Top 20 Research Communities List 2006*. This new list from the publishers of *Canada's Top 100 Corporate R&D Spenders List* and *Canada Top 50 Research Universities List*, ranks Canadian communities by their research and development (R&D) activities. Communities are awarded points on corporate R&D and university research indicators.

The top 20 communities are:

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| 1. Montreal | 11. Sherbrooke |
| 2. Toronto | 12. Halifax |
| 3. Ottawa-Gatineau | 13. Kingston |
| 4. Vancouver | 14. Winnipeg |
| 5. Québec City | 15. Saskatoon |
| 6. Calgary | 16. Windsor |
| 7. Kitchener-Waterloo | 17. Saguenay |
| 8. Edmonton | 18. London |
| 9. Hamilton | 19. St. John's |
| 10. Victoria | 20. St. Catharines-Niagara |

In their respective population categories, Montreal (over 900,000), Québec City (300,000-900,000) and Sherbrooke (under 300,000) earned Research Infosource's "Research Community of the Year".

"Congratulations to the Research Communities of the Year, Montreal, Québec City and Sherbrooke", says Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource. "The success of Canada's transition to the new economy depends on business, government and academia working together to create communities with a strong R&D culture and infrastructure."

The Top 20 list assesses each CMA (census metropolitan area) on 11 different indicators. Looking at the communities by corporate spending per capita, Ottawa-Gatineau tops the list with \$2,030 per person, followed by Montreal with \$894, Toronto with \$633 is 3rd, Kitchener-Waterloo with \$466 is 4th, and Calgary rounds out the top five with \$394 per person.

In the area of university research income, Montreal is 1st with \$782.9 million, Toronto is second with \$506.9 million, Edmonton is 3rd with \$288 million, Québec City is 4th with \$251 million and Vancouver is 5th with \$250.7 million.

Canada's Top 20 Research Communities List 2006 is available on the Research Infosource website, **www.researchinfosource.com**. *Canada's Top 20 Research Communities List 2006* is based on the analysis of 27 Census Metropolitan Areas. All information is latest available research and development data from Statistics Canada by Census Metropolitan Areas (2002 data). Research Infosource Inc., a division of The Impact Group, is Canada's source of R&D intelligence. Drawing from an extensive database, Research Infosource Inc. publishes *Canada's Top 100 Corporate R&D Spenders List*, *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List*, and specialized reports.