

NBICA Announces Bell Aliant as a New Brunswick Chartered Accountant Training Office

Saint John, New Brunswick – The New Brunswick Institute of Chartered Accountants (NBICA) today announced a partnership with Bell Aliant to form a New Brunswick Chartered Accountant (CA) Training Office.

Historically, the training of chartered accountant students achieving their CA designation was required to take place in a public practice chartered accountancy firm or the Office of the Auditor General. Recently, the Canadian CA profession, including NBICA, approved changes allowing a select group of leading corporations and government departments who meet strict criteria to apply to become an accredited CA training office.

Bell Aliant recently received the distinction as an approved CA training office with the NBICA and will begin recruiting new CA students in the Fall, 2009.

“The NBICA is committed to working with corporate employers who can provide our CA students with exceptional learning opportunities in a culture of the highest ethical values, and we are confident that we have such an employer in Bell Aliant,” says Jack Blackier, Executive Director, NBICA. “We look forward to a long and successful relationship with Bell Aliant as a CA training office for the next generation of New Brunswick’s business leaders.”

“Bell Aliant is pleased to partner with NBICA and is committed to providing an exceptional training and employment experience for CA students,” says Cathy Rignanesi, CA, Vice-president, Taxation Services, Bell Aliant. “As an innovative company that operates in a competitive business environment, we will provide challenging learning opportunities that align with the core competencies of the CA designation.”

Employees are at the core of Bell Aliant’s success. The opportunity to train CA students will enable the company to further develop business leaders who have the strategic, analytical and financial expertise to lead the company in the future.

About NBICA

The NBICA is the self-governing body of chartered accountants and CA students in New Brunswick. Its primary mandate is to serve and protect the public interest, and advance the interests of the chartered accountancy profession within New Brunswick and throughout Canada. The Chartered Accountants' Act (1998) grants the NBICA the authority to govern the professional activities of its members and students. The Institute meets the objectives of serving and protecting the public interest in several ways, including: promoting and increasing the knowledge, skills and proficiency of members and students; regulating the discipline and professional conduct of members and students; requiring public practitioners to carry minimum levels of professional liability insurance; having lay representatives sit on Council, and conducting practice inspection of its public practitioners.

About Bell Aliant

Bell Aliant (TSX: BA.UN) is one of North America's largest regional communications providers. Through its operating entities it serves customers in six Canadian provinces with innovative information, communication and technology services including voice, data, Internet, video and value-added business solutions. Through its xwave offices, Bell Aliant also provides IT professional services in Canada and the US. Bell Aliant's employees are committed to deliver the highest quality of customer service, choice and convenience.

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