

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**IAI to supply Optical Telecom to CANARIE, NSCC**

Halifax, NS February 23, 2009 – Halifax telecom firm Internetworking Atlantic Incorporated (IAI) announced today it has been awarded contracts from CANARIE for fibre-optic links between CANARIE's national research network and three Halifax area organizations. IAI will provide optical interconnect services linking CANARIE's research network with the NSCC Akerley Campus, the Bedford Institute of Oceanography (Department of Fisheries), and an Environment Canada site. IAI will provide these services primarily using its existing fibre-optic telecom infrastructure in Halifax.

IAI has provided optical telecom services to CANARIE in both Nova Scotia and PEI in the past.

CANARIE Inc., based in Ottawa, is Canada's advanced network organization which facilitates the development and use of its national network as well as the advanced products, applications and services that run on it. The CANARIE Network serves universities, colleges, schools, government labs, research institutes, hospitals and other organizations in a wide variety of research areas.

"We are proud to have our network extended within Nova Scotia", said Guy Bujold, CANARIE President and CEO. "The CANARIE network stimulates and supports research, innovation and growth in Atlantic Canada, bringing economic, social, and cultural benefits to all Canadians."

"We are very pleased to provide our direct optical services to CANARIE. Connecting regional research and educational institutions to the national research backbone is an important part of keeping the Maritime Region at the forefront in this sector. We believe our services are an excellent fit for this demanding application." said Bruce MacDougall

IAI specializes in the provision of high-bandwidth fibre-optic telecommunications services throughout the Atlantic Canada. IAI owns and operates over 300 kilometres of optical infrastructure serving business, institutional and government customers in the region.

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