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Small Town Innovation Receives International Recognition

TIMMINS, ON. - When Resourcentral was first launched in May 2004, no one ever anticipated an interest in the site outside Northern Ontario, let alone overseas.

Resourcentral (www.resourcentral.ca) was developed to market and enhance the use of the CAP (Community Access Program) sites and Public Internet Sites dispersed across Northeastern Ontario. The site also provides a web portal that offers users computer and Internet training as well as a variety of links for job searching and continuing education.

The online tutorials provided on the site have been so popular that a college library in England is featuring a link to the Northern Ontario-based site. "I never expected this" said Crystal St-Jean, Resourcentral Project Coordinator for NEOnet. "I've been getting emails from Ottawa and overseas, asking me if they can feature a link on their web site to Resourcentral."

The online tutorials provide basic training for many popular programs including Microsoft Word, Access, PowerPoint, Excel, Adobe Photoshop, and some web design basics. The site also features help for brushing up on skills such as resume and cover letter writing, typing, and Internet browsing. "These are common programs and skills used world-wide in homes, schools, and offices" said Christy Marinig, NEOnet Chair. "It's very interesting to hear how other people from outside our catchment area are benefiting from such a great resource."

If you are new to computers, or you are seeking employment opportunities in Northern Ontario, Resourcentral is a good place to start. To learn more about Resourcentral and the tutorials it provides, visit www.resourcentral.ca.