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## RBC donates to Centre for Excellence campaign

RBC has donated \$135,000 to the campaign to establish Okanagan College's Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Building Technologies and Renewable Energy Conservation.

RBC's contribution will help realize the Okanagan College Foundation's \$5 million capital fundraising campaign to finance the development of the \$28 million Centre of Excellence in Penticton, which is being designed and built to meet one of the most demanding set of environmental standards, the Living Building Challenge.

"It is exciting to be a part of such a unique and inspiring project," said Karen Borring-Olsen, a regional vice-president of RBC.

"RBC is pleased to join the growing network of community-minded donors, both citizens and corporations, who share a vision for education, in-

novation and sustainable growth in the Okanagan," said Borring-Olsen.

The announcement of RBC's donation was made Monday during the Olympic Torch Relay community event held in Kelowna.

RBC is the presenting partner of the 2010 Torch Relay, which invited thousands of Canadians to participate in the relay through its carrythetorch.com campaign.

"We have been extremely fortunate to partner with a number of organizations that have taken the time to grasp just how important and groundbreaking this building will be for the Okanagan," said John Walker, president and CEO of Fortis and chair of the Okanagan College Foundation's capital campaign.

"The addition of RBC as our largest corporate donor is tremendous news for the campaign and for Okanagan College."

For the Okanagan College board governor Brian Hughes, news of the donation hit home—he is also a vice-president for RBC Dominion Securities in Penticton.

"I have the privilege of working with Okanagan College through the board of governors and know first-hand how much great work is being done by the College in the South Okanagan," explained Hughes.

"I take a great deal of pride in the fact that RBC is stepping up to support such an important project for the people and future of this region."

The Centre of Excellence a 6,622 square-metre facility heralded as one of the most innovative and environmentally sustainable buildings in Canada. It will more than double the size of the existing campus and will expand program and research opportunities for learners across the region.