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GridSmartCity® and Mohawk College Enterprise to Host Alumni Event for Graduates of Leadership Training

First ever Alumni event celebrates training investment and kicks off additional cohorts of training future leaders in Ontario's electricity sector

GridSmartCity® and Mohawk College Enterprise (MCE) are excited to collaborate on a unique Alumni event, which sees over 75 graduates of a customized Future Ready Leadership Essential Skills program return for a virtual day of collaboration and participation with a 'Leadership Panel'.

Audie McCarthy, President & CEO of Mohawk College Enterprise, speaks to an ongoing training partnership with GridSmartCity® and the reasoning for an alumni event.

"We are proud to work with this unique organization in their quest for the ongoing development of leadership skills in the electricity industry. Having graduated 75 participants since 2019, we at MCE felt it was important to acknowledge this achievement with an Alumni event."

GridSmartCity® is unique as it is made up of 15 Local Distribution Companies (LDC) partners collaborating together to be a leading innovator in Ontario's electricity sector. Leveraging collective resources is what brought Mark Henderson, President of GridSmartCity® and the GridSmartCity® Cooperative, to invest in continual leadership training for its member base.

"The Alumni event will continue our quest to reinforce the key leadership program content while ensuring the continual translation of this learning to on-the-job application in what is a challenging work environment for all of our utility members."

Combined, GridSmartCity® and MCE are leaders in their respective industries. This partnership was able to attract an impressive Leadership Panel of experts for participants to question and learn from during the Alumni event. This panel includes; Rene Gatien, President & CEO of Waterloo North Hydro; Rob Lister, President & CEO of Oakville Enterprises; Helga Reidel, President & CEO of ERWIN Group; and Jennifer Smith, Executive VP, Corporate & Chief People Officer of Burlington Hydro.

MCE Business Development Officer, Sue Buckley, highlights the agenda of the alumni event and the importance of including a panel of leadership experts.

“It has been an absolute pleasure and privilege to partner with the GridSmartCity® team, and I’m thrilled to be able to host this special event to kick off the year. The virtual Alumni event will allow participants from Windsor to Kingston to network, share their leadership experiences, and support their continued learning and development, while gaining insights from a panel of leadership executives.”

The Alumni event will be hosted live on the Zoom platform on Wednesday, January 20th, 2021, from 9am to 12pm. For more information or a link to participate on the day, contact Shawn Lovegrove at slovegrove@mcecor.com.

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About GridSmartCity®

GridSmartCity® is a consortium of 34 partner organizations – utilities, smart grid innovators and commercial entities, academia, government and other key stakeholders.

Made up of 15-member LDC partners, the GridSmartCity® Cooperative is ideally positioned to compete as a leading innovator in Ontario’s electricity sector, by virtue of being closest to the customer, and leveraging their collective resources for efficiency, cost savings, and innovation.

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About Mohawk College Enterprise

MCE is a stand-alone business-to-business corporation established by Mohawk College to prepare people and companies with the skills and expertise required to succeed in today's fast-paced world. MCE is the exclusive provider of corporate training and consulting services on behalf of the College.

At MCE we recognize the importance of enhancing skills development and investing in human capital. Through our expert trainers, we provide training and customized solutions with the latest techniques and technology.

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