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One Ontario partners with the Residential Construction Council of Ontario (RESCON) in new Streamlined Data and Information Exchange Collaboration

The AECO One Ontario - RESCON Partnership will drive research into an enhanced Development Approval and Permitting Process - generating improved levels of productivity for all stakeholders.

Toronto, Ontario: AECO Innovation Lab is proud to announce that the Residential Construction Council of Ontario (RESCON) has joined the One Ontario Program.

RESCON is Ontario's leading association of residential builders committed to providing industry leadership and fostering innovation in domestic housing construction. RESCON is involved in many aspects of construction, including building code and technical standards reform, labour relations and contract negotiations, innovative labour training initiatives, market housing affordability, and liaison with all levels of government representing trade concerns in the province.

One Ontario is a new, collaborative research and redevelopment initiative, engaging all levels of government, architecture, engineering and construction (AEC) companies, software providers and academics - to create innovative data exchange guidelines to harmonize the municipal development approval process. The resulting communications protocols will dramatically decrease permit application times, improve enforcement and reduce burden costs to every municipality.

Arash Shahi, CEO of AECO says, "RESCON is an essential partner whose involvement is vital to One Ontario. RESCON's support and experience in all aspects of the AEC ecosystem, especially in the areas of research, education and industry advocacy - will play an important part in One Ontario."

"The successful evolution of One Ontario is important in creating a more predictable environment for housing in our province – which can then drive industry productivity and ultimately deliver homes that are affordable for all Ontarians," says Richard Lyall, president of RESCON. "The Streamlined Data Exchange Framework being proposed by One Ontario can result in a seamless development application and permitting process between AEC companies and municipal governments. This transformation creates more favourable conditions that quickens the pace of construction, minimizes risk for everyone and generates efficiencies long-overdue in the industry."

One Ontario Stakeholder Benefits

- **Municipalities** – Improve Efficiencies, Reduce Costs, Enhance Application Quality
- **AEC Industries** – Speed Development Review, Increase Certainty, Increase Productivity
- **Provincial Government** – Reduce Barriers, Better Informed Policy, Spur Job Creation
- **Software Companies** – Realize Client Needs, Lower R&D Costs, Improve Product Adoption

For more information about how One Ontario will drive the digital revolution in Ontario – visit us at www.oneontario.com.

About RESCON: RESCON is Ontario's leading association of residential builders committed to providing leadership and fostering innovation in the industry. RESCON is active in major areas, including labour relations and collective bargaining, workforce training, building code development as well as programs to manage affordable housing, land supply and government relations. To learn more visit – www.rescon.com

About One Ontario: One Ontario is a collaborative program established by AECO Innovation Lab - whose aim is to establish a set of provincial guidelines for data and information exchange during the development approval process. This framework will be aligned with regulatory requirements set by the province and will be driven by technological tools and advancements within the AEC industries - including web-based GIS applications, BIM tools, and automated code compliance checking algorithms. To learn more visit – www.oneontario.com

About AECO Innovation Lab: AECO Research and Development unites business expertise, research talent and financial resources to build innovative standards and technology, driving digital transformation across all AEC industries and government. AECO Start-Up Studio and Consulting Services strive to transform the best ideas into disruptive technology solutions applicable across the entire AEC value chain. To learn more visit - www.aecoinnovationlab.com