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## GOVERNMENT INVESTMENTS IN RESEARCH AND KNOWLEDGE INFRASTRUCTURE WILL PROMOTE INNOVATION IN CANADA

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OTTAWA – The Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) commends the additional \$32 million per year increase in funding for Canada's research granting councils and the \$8 million increase for the Indirect Costs Program that the federal government will be making through Budget 2010. CARL is also pleased that the Budget includes a second year of funding for the Knowledge Infrastructure Program for improvements to university facilities that will also be a support for research.

"We are very pleased to see an increase in the funding of the granting councils," says CARL Executive Director Brent Roe, "and the increase in funding to the Indirect Costs Program responds to one of our own key budget recommendations to the government. We remain hopeful that the future will bring funding for research data management and heritage digitization" (see <a href="http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/finance/pdf/budget\_brief\_2010-e.pdf">http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/finance/pdf/budget\_brief\_2010-e.pdf</a>).

CARL welcomes other inclusions in Budget 2010 that demonstrate the government's commitment to fostering an innovative and internationally competitive research enterprise in Canada: \$135 million over two years to the National Research Council's Innovation Clusters Program; \$45 million over five years for a post-doctoral fellowship program; \$48 million over two years for research, development and application of medical Isotopes; \$497 and \$222 million respectively for the RADARSAT Constellation Mission and to promote research at TRIUMF, a multi-university laboratory for nuclear and particle physics research; and \$75 million to support genomics research at Genome Canada.

"The funding announced in the Budget will help to promote innovation and economic development in the years to come" says CARL President Ernie Ingles. "Canada's research libraries are an important part of the national research infrastructure and any steps that the government can take to support research in Canada are consistent with our belief in the value of research as a basis for knowledge and innovation."

CARL is the leadership organization for the Canadian research library community. The Association's members include the 28 major academic research libraries across Canada. CARL strives to enhance the capacity of Canada's research libraries to partner in research and higher education, seeking effective and sustainable scholarly communication and public policy encouraging of research and broad access to scholarly information.

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