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Rebates offered for switching to high-efficiency furnaces

Calgary – June 30, 2005 -- A new rebate program will help Albertans save money and energy when they buy an energy efficient furnace this year.

Alberta's Climate Change Central and Natural Resources Canada are offering a time-limited cash rebate to Albertans who buy an ENERGY STAR[®]-qualified gas furnace.

“This rebate program shows that by partnering with the province and industry, we can deliver excellent initiatives to consumers, which will help them achieve their One-Tonne Challenge goals,” said the Honourable Anne McLellan, Deputy Prime Minister and Regional Minister for Alberta, on behalf of the Honourable R. John Efford, Minister of Natural Resources Canada.

Homeowners can receive up to \$300 in rebates when replacing their old furnace with a new, ENERGY STAR-qualified furnace. Manufacturers may supplement the rebate with offers of their own. The time-limited program begins July 4, 2005. Rebates will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

“The success of our 2004 furnace replacement program demonstrated that Albertans can have a positive impact on the environment while saving money,” said Simon Knight of Energy Solutions Alberta, energy efficiency office of Climate Change Central.

The rebate applies to the replacement of an older furnace with an ENERGY STAR-qualified, high-efficiency gas furnace or boiler, which can improve the average efficiency of a typical home's heating system by 30 per cent, and save the consumer about \$400 a year.

For more information or to get an application form, visit www.energysolutionsalberta.com or call 1-866-ESA-0999.

Energy Solutions Alberta is the energy efficiency office of Climate Change Central, a private-public partnership established as a catalyst for and coordinator of activities by

individuals, businesses, institutions and governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Alberta.

Government of Canada funding for this project is built into the existing financial framework. These initiatives help enhance our quality of life by supporting knowledge, innovation and technology in the natural resources sectors, which are vital to Canada's economy and society. They also advance the Government of Canada's commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions related to climate change, and strengthen the foundations of Canadian life, building a 21st-century economy and ensuring Canada's place in the world.

The One-Tonne Challenge is a Government of Canada campaign that calls on all Canadians to reduce their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by one tonne – about 20 per cent per year. For practical ideas on how you can meet the one-tonne goal, get a copy of Your Guide to The One-Tonne Challenge by visiting www.climatechange.gc.ca/onetonne or calling 1-800-O-Canada.

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