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## **Minister Brison Unveils Name for new “green” GoC Building in Charlottetown**

CHARLOTTETOWN, August 17, 2005 – The name of a trailblazing Island woman, Jean Canfield, is going to grace the new “green” Government of Canada Building in Charlottetown.

The Honourable Scott Brison, Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada, and Shawn Murphy, Member of Parliament for Hillsborough, held the naming ceremony this morning. Ms. Canfield is the first woman elected to sit in the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island and the first woman appointed to the Provincial Cabinet.

“We’re thrilled to honour Jean Canfield, whose avant-garde approach to politics and public life blazed a trail for the women who would follow her,” said Minister Brison. “Like Ms. Canfield, our building will represent several firsts for the Government of Canada, serving as both a model and a promise to future generations.”

The name was the most popular choice put forward in an extensive public consultation administered by the project’s Community Liaison Committee.

A popular and active member of the Island community, Jean Canfield was elected Assemblywoman for the First Queens riding in 1970. From October 10, 1972 to May 2, 1974, she served as Minister Responsible for P.E.I. Housing Authority. Canfield served as Provincial Assemblywoman until 1979.

“It has been said that you cannot truly know where you are going until you know where you have been,” said Mr. Murphy. “This building’s innovative, sustainable design coupled with a name that recognizes our proud history give us a clear view of both. All Canadians can truly be proud of this building and its name.”

In keeping with Canada’s Kyoto commitment to reduce green house gas emissions, the building’s environmental features will include the use of natural light and shade to moderate temperature and the recycling of rainwater to reduce water consumption. As a result, it is anticipated that the building will use 80 percent less water and 60 percent less energy than contemporary structures.

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Upon completion, the new building will house 500 federal employees representing a variety of departments lead by Veterans Affairs Canada. Construction will be completed in Fall, 2006 and it will occupied beginning Summer 2007.

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