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Digital ID and Authentication Council of Canada Applauds the Government of Canada on the Launch of Digital Canada 150 Initiatives to help Canadians Connect and Transact Online Securely

April 4, 2014, TORONTO - The Digital ID and Authentication Council of Canada (DIACC), a non-profit coalition of Canadian public and private sector leaders committed to creating a digital ecosystem that works for all Canadians, congratulates Canadian Industry Minister James Moore and the Government of Canada on the launch of [Digital Canada 150](#). The plan, which lays out a strong vision for a digital Canada of the future, sets out a clear roadmap to securely connect Canadians and positions Canada as a leader in the global digital economy.

“By working together to create secure digital identity for online transactions, public sector and private sector partners can help to boost both citizen’s privacy and the Canadian economy. Moreover we can help to answer Minister Moore ‘s question *What would it take to apply for a passport online?*”, said DIACC President, Aran Hamilton “If we could take away the friction of relying on paper and plastic documents that exists today, it would change everything.”

The release of Digital Canada 150 provides an exciting platform for DIACC and it’s members to continue to work together with key stakeholders and policy makers to help Canadians transact online in a robust, secure, and scalable way that is privacy enhancing.

“Demonstrating their leadership and commitment to a connected Canada, The Canadian Government has invested heavily in forging a new strategy for Canada’s digital economy” added Hamilton. “Today’s announcement of Digital Canada 150 is another key step to ensuring that Canadians are connected and can transact securely and privately with government, businesses and each other both online and on mobile devices.”

DIACC and its members look forward to working with Minister Moore and the Government of Canada on this exciting initiative.

About the Digital ID and Authentication Council of Canada (DIACC)

Created as a result of the federal government’s Task Force for the Payments System Review, the DIACC is a non-profit coalition of public and private sector leaders committed to developing a Canadian digital identification and authentication framework to enable Canadian’s full and secure participation the global digital economy. DIACC members include representatives from both the federal and provincial levels of government as well as private sector leaders.

The DIACC’s objective is to unlock economic opportunities for Canadian consumers, and businesses by providing the framework to develop a robust, secure, scalable and privacy enhancing digital identification and authentication ecosystem that will decrease costs for governments, consumers, and business while improving service delivery and driving GDP growth. For more updates from the DIACC visit www.DIACC.ca and follow us on twitter @DigitalCdns.

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