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## Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities

### Press Release

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#### **CANHC and OCNi partner to revolutionize economic development in nuclear sector**

**Ottawa, Ontario** – The Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities (CANHC) and the Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNi) are pleased to announce the launch of an innovative economic development partnership designed to bolster the nuclear energy community.

CANHC and OCNi recently signed their first-ever Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), setting the stage for an impactful collaboration in several pivotal areas:

- **Connecting OCNi Member Companies:** This initiative will allow OCNi member companies to build valuable relationships with local host community leaders, enhancing mutual understanding and cooperation.
- **Facilitating Economic Development Connections:** Community economic development managers will have the chance to connect with nuclear suppliers eager to establish offices in nuclear host communities, promoting local growth and development.
- **Event Co-Hosting:** Up to two annual events will be hosted in these communities, educating residents on the incredible benefits of hosting nuclear and providing local enterprises with insights on the advantages of OCNi membership for securing nuclear industry contracts.
- **Ready4SMR Program:** Host community economic development managers will gain access to OCNi's 'Ready4SMR' program, which assists local companies in becoming nuclear qualified and ready to shine in the industry.
- **Exploring Mutual Benefits:** CANHC and OCNi will continuously identify additional opportunities that can offer mutual benefits to both organizations and their stakeholders, fostering innovation and collaboration.

"We're thrilled to celebrate this breakthrough agreement between CANHC and OCNI. This partnership is about looking to the future and embracing a dynamic approach to economic development in the nuclear energy sector. It's set to drive sustainable growth, boost community involvement, and forge stronger ties between the industry and our host communities," said CANHC Chair Adrian Foster, Mayor of Clarington.

"OCNI and the CANHC have long supported the development and safe, long-term operations of nuclear facilities in Canada. This MOU describes that cooperation and how we can even collaborate more on providing value and support to companies and the broader public around Canada's nuclear communities," said Brian Fehrenbach, VP, Growth and Strategy, OCNI.

**Background:**

- The Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities (CANHC) is a not-for-profit association that supports current, future, and interested nuclear host communities, champions their best interests and fosters an ongoing proactive relationship with the Canadian nuclear industry and regulator.
- The Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI) is the leading voice of the Canadian nuclear supply chain, representing more than 250 leading suppliers of the nuclear industry in Canada and the international marketplace.

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