

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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WALMART CANADA JOINS WESTAC

The Western Transportation Advisory Council (WESTAC) is pleased to welcome Walmart Canada as the Council's newest member. Mr. Geoff Frodsham, Vice President, Supply Chain, will be Walmart's official representative to the Council. Ms. Lesley Smith, Vice President, Logistics and Mr. Andy Ellis, Senior Vice President, Supply Chain & Logistics will be the alternate representatives.

Walmart was established in Canada in 1994 with the acquisition of the 122-store Woolco division of Woolworth Canada.

Headquartered in Mississauga, Ontario, Walmart Canada operates 325 retail outlets nationwide and serves more than one million customers daily. With 85,000 associates, the company is the nation's third-largest employer and was recently named one of Canada's top 10 corporate cultures as well as one of the best places to work for 50-plus Canadians.

Walmart Canada has invested \$220 million in the past two years to update and expand its distribution network. Its national network supplies 325 stores from eight distribution facilities: four sites in Calgary, Alberta, including Balzac; one site in Cornwall, Ontario; and three sites in Mississauga.

In November 2010, Walmart opened its first sustainable fresh food distribution centre in Balzac, Alberta. One of North America's most energy-efficient distribution centres, the Balzac facility is a living lab of sustainability and includes the company's first pilots of hydrogen fuel cells, solar thermal and wind power, as well as many other sustainability features and products. Walmart Canada invested \$115 million to build the 400,000 square foot centre. One of Canada's largest refrigerated buildings, it serves as a hub for fresh and frozen food destined for 104 of the company's stores in Western Canada, from Manitoba to British Columbia.

The company is also working steadfastly with its suppliers to increase its logistics efficiency and to incorporate sustainable practices and initiatives into the processes, operations and mindset of its third-party suppliers. The company has instituted no idling policies in all its stores and distribution centres; improved fill rates on trucks and increased use of long-combination vehicles. Several times a year, Walmart Canada gathers its logistics suppliers to share best practices and recognizes carriers annually for sustainable operations, processes and corporate commitment.

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