



News Release

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Avanti donates \$185,000 in Print MIS software to NorQuest College *Print media graduates benefit with enhanced workforce skills and industry-leading technology expertise*

EDMONTON and TORONTO – Avanti Computer Systems Limited is donating its entire suite of management information software (MIS) tools, valued at \$185,000, to the Centre for Excellence in Print Media at NorQuest College in Edmonton, Alberta. This software will increase the technical and business skills of students graduating from NorQuest's Digital Graphics Communications Diploma program. In addition, Avanti's contribution will expand the Centre's training resources available to the Western Canadian printing industry.

"Avanti is an innovative provider of MIS software solutions to the graphic communications industry and we are thrilled to be able to offer our students the ability to gain hands-on experience with a software tool developed in Canada," said Norma Schneider, Dean of Business and Industry Careers at NorQuest College. "Having access to Avanti's software training will also allow Western Canadian printers the opportunity to become more productive and competitive in the global marketplace."

"There is a tremendous synergy between Avanti's mission and NorQuest's goal of helping print companies in Western Canada to become more efficient and profitable," said Avanti President Patrick Bolan. "NorQuest is recognized throughout Canada for its ability to deliver graduates that hit the ground running and add real-world value to their new employers because of the practical experience they receive as part of the program."

Bolan adds, "It is important to Avanti to give back to the print industry that has recognized our company as one of the largest providers of business management systems/MIS for printers." Avanti celebrated its 25th anniversary of providing MIS and web-to-print solutions to the graphic arts industry in 2009.

About NorQuest College

The Centre for Excellence in Print Media at NorQuest College provides print companies in Western Canada with access to the knowledge and tools to become more profitable and efficient, opportunities to experiment with new technologies and innovations, and training for owners and employees.

As the largest community college in Alberta, NorQuest College serves about 10,000 full and part-time students each year. NorQuest delivers post-secondary diploma and certificate programs in a variety of health, human services, business and industry careers and has expertise in adult literacy, academic upgrading, English as a Second Language, Aboriginal education, and learner supports for students with disabilities. For more information, visit www.norquest.ca.

About Avanti

Avanti provides print MIS and web-to-print solutions that help print shops automate all facets of their business. In business for over 25 years and with over 400 installations, Avanti's solutions are the most open in the industry, JDF certified, fully integrated and extend from web-to-print through to production and billing. For more information, visit Avanti at www.avantisystems.com.

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