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Partnership brings BizPaL Online Service Starting a Small Business Aided by New Program

Cambridge, Ontario. December 17, 2008...In an area where spinning out new businesses is part of the fabric of the community, a new online service that helps budding entrepreneurs start up small businesses in the community is the latest advancement to foster new growth. BizPaL is an innovative web-based service that makes it easy to generate a customized list of the business permits and licenses required from all levels of government.

"It's a one stop shop for new business leaders," says Alex Mitchell, Cambridge's Clerk. "This online enhancement will simplify the process and allow entrepreneurs to get on with what they need to do to establish and run their businesses successfully." The Clerks Division currently administers the licensing information for the community.

It's a unique partnership bringing together federal, provincial, territorial, regional and local governments to provide a single point online for business. A central server holds all municipal partner's permit and license data and individual websites draw information from the BizPaL server when needed. It's confidential and seamless for the user.

It was launched in Ontario in April 2006 and the recent availability of local municipalities here brings to 76 the locations throughout the province with the online tool. Area business owners and entrepreneurs can access the service by visiting www.cambridge.ca/city_clerk/bizpal or www.ServiceOntario.ca/bizpal

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The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in Southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2008, the population reached over 125,000 people. With a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services, Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement. Based on the 2007 BMA Management Consulting Inc Municipal Study, the City of Cambridge is one of only four municipalities in the province that is debt free.

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