



# News Release

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## **ATCO GAS OPENS NEW ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY OPERATIONS CENTRE**

First building of its kind in the City of Airdrie

AIRDRIE, Alberta - ATCO Gas today celebrated the official opening of its third new environmentally friendly operations centre. This latest operations centre is one of only a few commercial buildings in Canada, and the first in the City of Airdrie, to make use of geothermal heating, ventilating and cooling (HVAC) technology fuelled by natural gas.

"Our new Airdrie Operations Centre demonstrates ATCO's continued commitment to the environment through the commercial use of alternative energy technology," said Nancy Southern, President & Chief Executive Officer, ATCO Group. "It sets a new standard for sustainable buildings and reinforces ATCO's reputation for technological innovation."

The new 15,400 square-foot Airdrie facility utilizes natural gas, the cleanest burning fossil fuel, to run the heat pump geothermal system, reducing the amount of energy required to heat the building by approximately 33 per cent. This reduced energy consumption will also cut carbon dioxide emissions by a conservative estimate of 9.5 tonnes annually.

"ATCO Gas' Airdrie Operations Centre is a showcase for ATCO, as well as the City of Airdrie and the Province of Alberta," said Brian Hahn, President, ATCO Gas. "The building's design and application of geothermal technology helps reduce our carbon footprint while improving operational efficiency, emergency response and service to our customers."

The new operations centre will be home to 45 employees who will continue to serve the needs of a growing Airdrie. ATCO Gas opened a similar, but larger operations centre in Edmonton last year and in Viking in 2009, using geothermal technology.

The Airdrie Operations Centre is one of several green initiatives the ATCO Group of Companies is undertaking, including large-scale geothermal and solar thermal projects in southeast Calgary, the Town of Okotoks and Hinton.

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