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Protegra Opens San Diego Office Manitoba Company Expands International Presence

Winnipeg, Canada—Protegra, a Winnipeg-based business consulting and technology solutions company is again demonstrating how a Manitoba company can compete in the international market. Protegra is proud to announce the official opening of its office in San Diego, California.

The company is in the process of recruiting project managers, as well as solutions and technology architects to work closely with Protegra's Global Solutions Centre in Winnipeg.

“Expansion into the United States market opens opportunities both to grow the company in the United States and to provide more work for Manitobans. This affirms that a Winnipeg-based company can provide business and technology solutions to clients anywhere in the world,” says Wadood Ibrahim, CEO of Protegra. In addition to its Canadian and U.S. clients, Protegra currently provides business performance consulting and Information Technology to organizations in Europe and Japan.

Ibrahim was one of several Manitoba business leaders invited to accompany Premier Gary Doer on a Manitoba Government trade mission to California.

"I would like to congratulate Protegra on the opening of their San Diego office," Premier Gary Doer said. "Protegra continues to open new doors for itself through innovation and strong leadership. This opportunity is fantastic news for the company and for business growth in Manitoba."

The announcement comes on the heels of Manitoba successes such as the well-received Ministry of Conservation online Parks Reservations System developed earlier this year by Protegra in collaboration with four other Manitoba companies.

“Protegra and other Manitoba companies continue to find innovative ways to collaborate and capitalize on global opportunities,” adds Ibrahim. The depth and breadth of our expertise and the quality of our delivery mean that Manitoba companies can compete effectively with larger multi-national firms.”

The launch of the San Diego office bodes well for this rapidly expanding Winnipeg company. In 2006, Protegra placed 29th on *Manitoba Business Magazine*'s list of fastest growing companies, and was recognized by *Profit* magazine as one of Canada's fastest growing companies for the third consecutive year.

Protegra Inc. is 100 per cent employee-owned and offers business performance consulting and Information Technology solutions to organizations across the globe. Its services include business process improvement, IT architecture and strategic planning, software design and development and IT support.

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