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## **Protegra's Parks Reservation System Named Project of the Year**

Winnipeg, Canada — An online campground reservation system developed by Protegra in collaboration with Manitoba Conservation has won the 2006 Project of the Year Award from the Manitoba chapter of the Project Management Institute.

The award-winning Parks Reservation System was designed to provide Manitoba campers with a convenient internet-based service for booking campsites. Campers can reserve provincial park campsites over the Internet, through a PRS call centre or in selected campground offices. The Parks Reservation System was launched on April 10, 2006 just three months after application development began. According to Manitoba Conservation, reservations in 2006 increased 30 per cent over 2005 figures and, for the first time ever, internet-based reservations exceeded those made in the call centre.

“This award means a great deal to Protegra,” says CEO Wadood Ibrahim. “The Parks Reservation System project demonstrated the power and effectiveness of Protegra’s lean approach to software development and business processes.”

"Congratulations to the staff at Protegra who are receiving well-deserved recognition," said Manitoba Conservation Minister Stan Struthers. "Their made-in-Manitoba reservation system has improved the positive experience of visiting our provincial parks. We are proud to be working with them to further develop the made-in-Manitoba system."

Protegra formed a made-in-Manitoba consortium with four local companies to assist with the Parks Reservation System and worked closely with Manitoba Conservation employees to get the service up and running within a very tight timeframe. Protegra employed its unique lean development methodology, with numerous iterations, to create a high-quality, high-performing system in the shortest time possible.

The Parks Reservation System was chosen over three other projects for the PMI award. The Project of the Year is selected based on the criteria that it meets or exceeds the client’s needs, is delivered on time and on budget, and applies innovative business practices or methods to project management.

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