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**NEW MANAGER APPOINTED FOR go2's INDUSTRY HR DIVISION**

**Vancouver** – go2 – BC's tourism industry human resources association is pleased to announce the appointment of Megan Williamson, to the newly created position of Manager, Industry Human Resource Development.

Megan comes to go2 with seven years of human resources experience. She thrived in vital areas such as performance management, associate relations, recruitment and retention and leadership development most recently as the HR manager for The Home Depot.

Prior to The Home Depot, Megan acquired experience as a human resources generalist for Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP and KPMG LLP. In 2006, she received her Canadian Human Resources Professional designation – the highest level of HR accreditation within Canada. Megan also possesses five years of tourism experience as a customer service representative with Brewster's Tours and as an event planner for Simon Fraser University.

In her new role, she will be working closely with John Leschyson, go2's HR director since 2003, by working with BC tourism industry operators and stakeholders in the implementation of assigned areas of the industry's HR strategic plan and providing services, expertise, assistance and guidance to employers and potential employees by promoting effective HR practices across the industry.

**About go2:**

*go2 is BC's tourism human resource association helping the industry to recruit, retain and train to support industry growth. Tourism is one of the largest resource industries in BC comprising 18,000 mostly small to medium sized businesses which directly employ over 117,900 British Columbians. Tourism is projected to create 84,000 new job openings by 2015 in our province. BC hosted over 23 million overnight visitors in 2006 and tourism revenues are projected to top \$9.98 billion. For more information, visit [www.go2hr.ca](http://www.go2hr.ca).*

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