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## **Jim Laurence new chair of national open shop association**

(February 7, 2011 - Vancouver) Jim Laurence from British Columbia has been chosen by his peers as the chairman of Merit Canada, the united national voice of Canada's Open Shop construction sector.

"Merit Canada has an important job as the voice of Open Shop across the country. First and foremost is making sure governments and their laws are fair to construction contractors regardless of their union affiliation," said Laurence. "But just as important is our job of making sure governments – regardless of their stripe – continue to strengthen our economies. When our economic fundamentals are strong – construction is there to help build our nation and our provinces."

Laurence is the President and Chief Operating Officer of Carillion Pacific Construction Inc. The Carillion Group is an International organization head quartered out of the UK and undertakes highways maintenance, construction services, facilities management and public private partnerships across Canada, the UK, the Middle East and the Caribbean. He is also Past Chair of the Independent Contractors and Businesses Association, BC's Open Shop construction association. He also serves on the Board of Governors of the British Columbia Institute of Technology and is CEO and President of International Contract Management Inc.

"I'm looking forward to working with my colleague from across the industry and across the country," Laurence added. "Together we'll make sure that the Open Shop can keep building our country."

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