



Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board
Commission d'évaluation de la qualité de l'éducation postsecondaire

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The Honourable John Milloy
Minister, Training, Colleges and Universities
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Dear Minister:

**Re: Application from Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology
for Ministerial consent to continue to offer a
Bachelor of Applied Technology (Software Development) program:
Recommendation to Grant Consent**

Pursuant to section 5(1) of the *Post-secondary Education Choice and Excellence Act, 2000*, on December 18, 2006, Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology applied to the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities for consent to continue to offer a Bachelor of Applied Technology (Software Development) program, the current consent for which is due to expire on August 28, 2008, and the first cohort for which completed the program in June 2007.

In accordance with section 5.2 of the *Act*, the application was referred on January 26, 2007, to the Board for its review and recommendation. The Board reviewed the application in accordance with its *Handbook for CAAT Renewals, May, 2006*, and gave final consideration to the application at its meeting of June 24, 2008.

Based on:

- the applicant's original submission,
- the report of the assessment panel appointed by the Board,
- any additional material submitted by the applicant, and
- the Board's assessment of the information against the Board's standards and benchmarks for a bachelor degree in an applied area of study,

the Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board recommends that you grant consent to Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology to continue to offer a Bachelor of Applied Technology (Software Development) program, abbreviated B.A.T., at its Seneca@York Campus until July 1, 2010. This consent termination date is recommended since it is the earliest convenient time that the Board will be able to conduct a full review of the program after there has been at least one graduating class and the institution has been able to conduct and operationalize the results of its mandatory self-study.

Yours truly,



Dale Patterson,
Chair

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