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EARLY BIRD DEADLINE OF MAY 1, 2006 FOR SEVENTH ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR FUN RUN FAST APPROACHING

Register early for the PMC-Sierra Science Fair Fun Run to take advantage of lower entry fees and win draw prizes

Vancouver BC, April 24, 2006 – The annual PMC-Sierra Science Fair Fun Run early bird deadline is Monday, May 1, 2006. Organizers of the event encourage individuals and corporate teams to register early to take advantage of the lower entry fee and increase their chances to win great draw prizes. Registration can be done online by going to www.sciencefairs.bc.ca/fun_run_2006/registration.html. The run will take place on Sunday, May 28, 2006 at TELUS World of Science. Deemed the largest timed 5K run in BC and one of the largest events in the technology industry, the PMC-Sierra Science Fair Fun Run has the support of Vancouver's leading companies and institutions including representatives from the hi-tech, biotech, financial, and legal community as well as local universities and schools.

"We already have team entries from numerous corporate and school teams, so we're expecting that 2006 will be the most successful run ever" says Patti Leigh, Executive Director of the Science Fair Foundation of BC.

The PMC-Sierra Science Fair Fun Run helps to support BC student participation in Science Fair programs. Each year, over 60,000 students from 800 schools in British Columbia participate in Science Fairs. In May 2005, 53 students from all over British Columbia participated in the Canada-Wide Science Fair right here in Vancouver. The team was awarded a total of 57 medals and over \$27,000 in scholarships.

All proceeds from the PMC-Sierra Science Fair Fun Run go toward The Dr. Michael Smith Science Fair Endowment to support the promotion and development of Science Fair programs throughout the province. Science Fairs will ensure our young people have the skills they need to succeed in a fast-paced, knowledge-based world.

For more information about the PMC-Sierra Science Fair Fun Run or to register online, visit www.ScienceFairs.bc.ca.

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About the Science Fair Foundation of BC

The Science Fair Foundation supports science education through the science fair program to foster curiosity and building for the future. The Science Fair Foundation of British Columbia (SFF BC) is a non-profit, charitable organization incorporated in February 1998 to support and promote science fair activity in British Columbia. The Foundation is committed to ensuring ongoing financial support in order to build a stronger and more visible Science Fair Program throughout the province. To learn more about the Foundation please visit www.ScienceFairs.bc.ca.