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### **Keith Collins Named One of Atlantic Canada's Top 50 CEOs**

**ST. JOHN'S, NL, Thursday, May 10, 2012** – Atlantic Business Magazine announced last night at its 14<sup>th</sup> annual awards gala that Keith Collins, President and Chief Executive Officer of St. John's International Airport Authority, has been named to its Top 50 CEO list for 2012. This is the second time Mr. Collins has been recognized as one of Atlantic Canada's Top 50 CEOs by Atlantic Business Magazine.

Keith Collins has been President and CEO of St. John's International Airport Authority since 2005. Since that time, passenger traffic at Newfoundland and Labrador's transportation gateway has grown by almost 30% and airline capacity has grown at a rate that is twice the national average. Due to this unprecedented growth, Keith has been instrumental in guiding the development of a long-term vision for the Airport with the establishment of a 10-year capital plan that will ensure the Airport's facilities meet the growing needs and expectations of air travelers as well as supporting the continued economic growth of the region. Keith also played a key role in bringing the Airport Accessibility Project to fruition, a \$25.8 million initiative that will involve extensive airfield improvements to support the installation of a Category 3 Instrument Landing System at the Airport and will result in a significant improvement in the usability of the Airport during low-visibility conditions. This project will be completed in late 2013.

"This award is recognition of Keith's work as a visionary and as an exemplary leader guiding an organization that has set an ambitious course," said Darlene Whalen, Chair of the Board of Directors for St. John's International Airport Authority. "The Airport is poised for a bright future

due in no small part to Keith's accomplishments in leading the organization during his tenure. On behalf of St. John's International Airport Authority, I would like to congratulate Keith on receiving this award."

Nominations for the Top 50 CEO Awards are submitted by Atlantic Business Magazine readers and nominees are judged according to their corporate, community and industry involvement, their company's growth in recent years, and their responses to various managerial challenges.

*St. John's International Airport Authority is a private, not-for-profit organization with the mandate to provide the region with a safe, cost-efficient transportation facility that is a catalyst for economic growth. Under the provisions of a long-term Ground Lease with the Federal Government of Canada, the Airport Authority is responsible for the airport's operations on behalf of the community it serves.*