

Vehicle Test Facility Breaks Ground

Portage la Prairie, Manitoba – Western Canada Testing Inc. (WESTEST) has broken ground in preparation for its much-anticipated Performance Centre. This facility will expand WESTEST’s industrial site in Portage la Prairie, MB and broaden its research and testing capabilities to include alternative fuels and vehicle performance testing.

The Government of Canada, through Western Economic Diversification Canada, is supporting WESTEST in this endeavor with the objective of providing Canadian industry with access to sophisticated facilities to test new and existing transportation technologies. WESTEST will be at the ready as manufacturers require real-time testing of fuel efficiencies and vehicle performances in the Canadian climate.

The new facility will support WESTEST’s expertise in agricultural equipment, transit buses, highway transport, and other sectors. WESTEST’s clients will have the ability to evaluate and produce high-quality products by providing simulation data and the ability to test and design prototypes, thereby saving both time and money.

“We’re looking forward to the new challenges this kind of research will encompass,” says Harvey Chorney, VP Operations of the Manitoba division of PAMI (Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute), who manages the operations of WESTEST. “The world is looking for alternative fuels to augment oil and gas, and this facility will enable the transportation industry to prepare for the options that will become available.”

David Gullacher, CEO of PAMI, added “Bio-diesel research will be the first initiative for us, but who knows what fuels will become options in the future? We are positioning ourselves to be prepared for the next generation of energy, whatever that may be.”

WESTEST is a pro-active organization with a reputation for performance, innovation and a professional can-do attitude providing manufacturers with advanced product development and physical testing services. WESTEST can serve as, or supplement, a client’s in-house testing arm for equipment and component manufacturers to save expense and infrastructure.

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