



## **NEWS RELEASE – Canadian Centre Unmanned Vehicle Systems visits the Peace.**

**For Immediate Release**

December 17, 2009, Fairview, AB – What is the potential for an Unmanned Vehicle Systems industry in the Peace Region? This is one of the questions that local businesses will have an opportunity to discuss, when the Canadian Centre for Unmanned Vehicle Systems (CCUVS) visits the Fairview campus of Grande Prairie Regional College, December 17th. Dewar Donnithorne-Tait, President and CEO of the CCUVS, accompanied by his Chief Technology Officer, Fady Khaled, will be giving a presentation at 10:00 am at the College. Donnithorne-Tait will discuss opportunities and economic benefits for the region and will field questions.

Unmanned Vehicle Systems (UVS) are very sophisticated robots with specialized sensors and controls that enable the UVS to maneuver and work in environments that are too dull, dirty or dangerous for humans. UVS can operate in the air, on land or on or below the surface of the water and have been used extensively by the military. Now UVS are entering civilian commercial use with potential applications in the oilfield, where safety is a constant issue or in agriculture, for pinpointed aerial weed control, to name just two. This visit will help explore many other potential industry opportunities.

Donnithorne-Tait and Khaled will tour both GPRC's Grande Prairie and Fairview campuses, the town of Fairview and the Fairview airport. This visit, hosted by the Peace Region Economic Development Alliance and the Centre for Research & Innovation, is to familiarize CCUVS with the facilities and terrain of the Peace Region.

For further information, or to register your attendance, please contact the Centre for Research & Innovation (CRI) at 780-539-2054, toll free at 1-877-539-2808 or email [info@TheCRI.ca](mailto:info@TheCRI.ca).