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Airdrie Amongst Tops in the Country **BizPal Usage Takes-off in Airdrie**

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA – BizPal has taken Airdrie by storm. The City ranks in the top dozen municipalities in Canada for visits using the online licensing and permit resource according to the latest Industry Canada statistics. Airdrie trumped larger municipal units such as Regina, St. John's, Newfoundland and St. Catherines, Ontario through the 1st quarter of 2009.

Kent Rupert, Team Leader for Airdrie Economic Department, views BizPal as a valuable resource for those looking to start or expand a business. “BizPal is the type of innovative and progressive resource required to engage today’s entrepreneurs. The reception from our business community has been very positive and these statistics are proof of the strong entrepreneurial spirit in our growing, dynamic city.”

In addition to the impressive twelve place ranking across Canada (near 300 municipal units offering the BizPal service), Airdrie ranked second, only second to Brockville, Ontario, in terms of visits per capita. The website has welcomed over 1200 visitors since being launched as part of the City’s online business resource tools in October 2008.

User-friendly and customer service oriented, BizPal reduces time-consuming research that delays entrepreneurs. The service makes use of simple, generic questions to generate a customized list of licensing and permit requirements from municipal, provincial and federal governments.

With over 1400 businesses, find out why NOW is the time to start a business in Airdrie – www.airdrienow.ca - and check on BizPal.

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