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## **The ACFA welcomes Alison Redford: A French-speaking Premier in Alberta**

EDMONTON, OCTOBER 3, 2011 - The President of the French-Canadian Association of Alberta (*ACFA*), Mrs. Dolorèse Nolette, congratulates Mrs. Alison Redford, the new leader of the Alberta Progressive Conservative Party and the new Premier-Designate of the province.

"For the first time in the history of Alberta, a woman became Premier. She also speaks French, which testifies to the emergence of a new generation of leadership in Alberta. I hope we can develop a strong relationship and address the concerns of the Francophone population." said Mrs. Nolette.

Mrs. Nolette wrote to Mrs. Redford to congratulate her. She reiterated the importance of increasing the level of French language services offered by the Government of Alberta to more than 225,000 French-speaking Albertans. She also highlighted the importance of maintaining a strong voice for Alberta's Francophonie within government.

*Founded in 1926, the ACFA (French-Canadian Association of Alberta) is the official voice of the Francophone community in Alberta. As such, the ACFA is committed to ensure the continued development of the Alberta's French-speaking multicultural society*

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