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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **THE FIRST NATIONWIDE STUDENT TRANSLATION AGENCY BECOMES A REALITY**

Gatineau, April 25, 2012– The Language Technologies Research Centre is proud to have launched LinguisTech Translation Services (LTTS), the first nationwide student translation agency.

More than 50 participants attended the event, and many key figures in the language sector spoke about the different advantages of the project. The new translation agency will officially start in early May, with 5 translators. Students, sponsors, clients, businesses, and individuals will all benefit from LTTS.

LTTS yields many advantages. According to Pierre Lebel, Coordinator of LinguisTech Translation Services, sponsors will save at least \$12,000 in training costs by hiring the trainees of LinguisTech Translation Services.

Pierre Blais, President of MultiCorpora, outlined how the project will benefit the language sector. Ann Rutledge, president of the Language Industry Association (AILIA), said that this initiative, bound to have positive effects, will demonstrate the various job possibilities in the language sector. Louise Brunette, Professor of Translation at the Université Québec en Outaouais, explained that this training will pair students and employers, which is usually difficult during a university practicum. Émilie Lecours, a translation student at the University of Ottawa, discussed the importance of practical experience for future translators—an internship of this nature will allow students to acquire the related transversal skills.

The mentorship at LTTS will allow students to pair practical experience with their university degree, and the trainees will soon make their mark in the translation sector.

For more information, please see the LinguisTech website at [www.linguistech.ca](http://www.linguistech.ca).

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