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***VISION QUEST CONFERENCES INC. HONOURED WITH DISTINGUISHED  
AMBASSADOR PLAQUE***

(WINNIPEG) The Winnipeg Convention Centre and the City of Winnipeg will honour **Vision Quest Conferences Inc.** with induction into its prestigious Ambassador Plaque program on **Tuesday, May 18, 4:00 pm, VIP Salon, Main Floor, Winnipeg Convention Centre.**

The dedication of this plaque is in recognition of **Vision Quest's** outstanding contribution to the planning and organization of this unique annual event. They will join a group of highly distinguished associations on the Centre's **Wall of Fame**, located just inside of the York Avenue entrance.

Internationally acclaimed actor, sculptor, musician, author, activist, Vietnam veteran, and full-blooded Cherokee, Vision Quest's 2010 keynote speaker **WES STUDI**, will join in the presentation. Originally from Oklahoma, Wes is best known for his roles in *Dances With Wolves*, *The Last of the Mohicans*, *Heat*, and *James Cameron's Avatar*, to name but a few Hollywood blockbusters. Wes can also be seen in the NBC television series *Kings*. He currently resides in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and performs with his wife Maura in a six-piece band called Firecat of Discord.

This annual Aboriginal business and community economic development Conference and Trade Show has educated and entertained more than 8,400 people over the last 14 years. Keynote presentations, interactive workshops, exhibits, youth programming, networking events, and a gala banquet have brought together thousands of novice and seasoned entrepreneurs, community leaders, corporate and government representatives, business and community service providers.

"This incredible event provides invaluable service to our community", notes Klaus Lahr, President & C.E.O. of The Winnipeg Convention Centre. "It brings people together not only from across the Province but from across the country, both from within the Aboriginal community and beyond, and provides a unique opportunity for information sharing, partnership building as well as cultural awareness."

The Winnipeg Convention Centre, in conjunction with the City of Winnipeg, initiated the Ambassador Plaque Program in 1994 to recognize those individuals and groups whose efforts have been integral to bringing events, activities, conferences and conventions to our City. These people, many of whom volunteer their time and services, have a tremendous impact on this community, on both a social and economic level, as well as on the City of Winnipeg and our Convention Centre.

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