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### QUÉBEC IMMIGRATION NEWS

#### 1. New minister – nomination of Kathleen Weil

We would like to congratulate Kathleen Weil for her nomination as the new Minister of Immigration and Cultural Communities. She is taking over the position from Mrs. Yolande James.

She will be responsible for defining the quantitative objectives for the Québec immigration programs, the selection of new immigrants and the establishment of measures securing an enhanced linguistic, social and economic integration of immigrants into Québec's society.

Her biography and a video presentation can be found at <http://www.assnat.qc.ca/en/deputes/weil-kathleen-33/biographie.html>.



Minister Kathleen Weil

### FEDERAL IMMIGRATION NEWS

#### 1. Submissions for new regulatory body

On August 28, 2010, Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) published a notice in the *Gazette of Canada* requesting submissions from candidate entities that want to become the governing body of immigration consultants. Presently, the Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants (CSIC) is the governing body.

On June 12, 2010, CIC announced to launch a selection process for the governing body regulating immigration consultants and requested comments on the approach. Following this notice of intent, CIC received numerous comments that served to establish selection factors in line with Canada's immediate and long-term immigration objectives.

The selection factors, as presented on August 28, include:

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- **Competence**  
Includes employees with knowledge of the immigration regime as well as adequate standards of competence, practice and ethical conduct, and official language standards.
- **Integrity**  
Includes tools and measures to be used to communicate issues of fraud and available resources to immigrant communities.
- **Accountability**  
Includes the provision of draft by-laws to show a culture of transparency and openness through external audits and regular reporting.
- **Viability**  
Includes a plan to acquire expertise in financial management as well as the incorporation as a non-profit corporation under federal law.
- **Good governance**  
Includes the steps taken to hire employees according to merit as well as campaigns to members and consumers on services of immigration consultants.

Submissions that clearly indicate how candidates satisfy the selection criteria can be submitted until December 29, 2010 at [consultants@cic.gc.ca](mailto:consultants@cic.gc.ca) or via regular mail to:

Attention: Fraud Deterrence and Verifications Division, B1435  
Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC)  
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365 Laurier Avenue W  
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