QSE Joins Municipal Information Systems Association as National Partner

Engagement expands municipal cybersecurity market access and reinforces execution across public-sector security priorities

Vancouver, British Columbia--(Newsfile Corp. - January 28, 2026) - QSE - Quantum Secure Encryption Corp. (CSE: QSE) (OTCQB: QSEGF) (FSE: VN80) ("QSE" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has joined the **Municipal Information Systems Association (MISA)** as a **National Partner**, supporting engagement with municipal IT and cybersecurity leaders across Canada.

MISA is a national association that brings together municipal information technology professionals, senior IT leaders, and public-sector stakeholders to advance digital governance, cybersecurity, and shared best practices. Through its National Partner program, QSE will participate in knowledge-sharing initiatives, educational forums, and collaborative discussions focused on strengthening municipal cybersecurity posture and long-term data protection.

As a National Partner, **QSE is positioned to actively monitor, engage with, and participate in municipal cybersecurity procurement and program opportunities across Canada**. This engagement expands the Company's ability to respond to municipal-level security requirements and **extends its public-sector market access alongside its growing federal-level and broader government cybersecurity engagements**.

QSE's participation as a National Partner reflects continued execution against its public-sector strategy, which is designed to address cybersecurity risk across all levels of government. Building on previously announced federal-level initiatives, certifications, and validation milestones, this engagement extends QSE's focus to the municipal layer of critical infrastructure, where ransomware exposure, long-lived data confidentiality requirements, and governance complexity continue to drive demand for resilient, future-proof security solutions.

"Municipal governments are responsible for protecting essential services and sensitive citizen data, often under significant operational and resource constraints," said **Ted Carefoot, Chief Executive Officer of QSE**. **"Our participation as a National Partner to MISA reflects QSE's commitment to supporting municipalities with practical, implementation-ready approaches to cybersecurity and post-quantum readiness, while contributing to informed discussions around digital stewardship, governance, and long-term trust."**

QSE's engagement with MISA complements previously announced milestones, including platform readiness advancements, independent validation initiatives, and the Company's **CyberSecure Canada Certification (CCCS) Level 2**, which underscores alignment with recognized cybersecurity, governance, and compliance standards. Together, these efforts position QSE to engage meaningfully with public-sector stakeholders evaluating post-quantum cryptography, secure data storage, and data-in-transit protection.

While this engagement focuses on municipalities across Canada, management views it as part of a broader strategy to support public-sector and critical-infrastructure stakeholders globally. As governments worldwide assess long-term cryptographic resilience in the face of advancing quantum capabilities, QSE continues to engage selectively in partnerships and forums that align with its mission to enable responsible, standards-aligned adoption of post-quantum security solutions.

QSE expects to provide additional updates as it advances its 2026 engagement roadmap, including further participation in domestic and international initiatives supporting government, institutional, and enterprise cybersecurity preparedness.

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