



## Media Release

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### **ELECTRIC VEHICLE TRAINING WILL SUPPORT FIRST RESPONDERS**

PORT COQUITLAM, B.C. – EJTC Enterprises (E2inc) and Sun Country Academy have announced an agreement that will see E2inc delivering Sun Country's electric vehicle education curriculum at locations across Canada.

The first priority for both organizations is to promote safe emergency response to road incidents involving electric vehicles, especially where first responders need to rescue drivers or passengers.

"With a growing number of electric vehicles on the road, it's important for firefighters, ambulance crews and police to become acquainted with basic steps such as fire suppression and vehicle shutdown," said Kent Rathwell, Chief Executive Officer of Sun Country Integrated.

"E2inc trainers have decades of experience working in the electrical industry, and we look forward to working with Sun Country to provide this key safety training to first responders, towing companies and highway maintenance crews," said Andy Cleven, Training Director for E2inc's parent body, the Electrical Joint Training Committee.

Under the umbrella of Sun Country Integrated, Sun Country Academy is affiliated with Sun Country Highway, Canada's leading distributor of electric vehicle infrastructure such as charging equipment and charging stations. Sun Country Academy offers electric vehicle education programs to three market segments: first responders, auto recyclers and service technicians.

Sun Country Academy is a member of the US-based National Alternative Fuels Training Consortium. This membership provides access to industry-approved instructional materials for first responder training as well as standards and conditions for train-the-trainer sessions that Sun Country will provide to E2inc.

E2inc, based in Greater Vancouver, is Canada's approved trainer and license holder for the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program, which provides certification in electric vehicle infrastructure installation and maintenance to Red Seal qualified electricians. E2inc's training portfolio also includes the *Mentorship Matters*<sup>™</sup> workplace mentoring program and the Advanced Lighting Controls Training Program, scheduled to launch in collaboration with BC Hydro in fall 2016.

Under the agreement, Sun Country Academy will train and certify E2inc trainers in electric vehicle education for first responders. Training is to be available for fire, police and paramedical services as well as towing company operators by late summer 2016.

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