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Brampton Wins Merit Award for Spider Project

BRAMPTON— Showcase Ontario has awarded the City of Brampton a Merit Award in the Business Value Category for its SPIDER Project – Phase 1 has implemented a new scheduling and planning software for Brampton Transit.

Using the HASTUS optimization software package acquired late last year, the City of Brampton built a cost efficient and timesaving schedule that went into effect on May 16, for Brampton Transit's major service change. The service change resulted in 420 bus stop installations and re-engineering 22 out of 30 existing bus routes to follow a grid-based system.

Such an extensive transit network overhaul normally takes 10 to 18 months to complete, however the City of Brampton's SPIDER Project Team managed to complete the work in a record six months. A cross-departmental team consisting of more than 17 City staff worked on the SPIDER Project Team in partnership with the vendor GIRO Inc.

The total cost of the SPIDER project is just over \$1.2 Million, but Project Manager Alex Milojevic says that phase 1 of this project has resulted in vast savings and operational efficiencies for the City of Brampton and transit passengers. "Before SPIDER was implemented, residents only had web access to static bus schedules. SPIDER now updates Brampton Transit schedules on a daily basis to reflect the latest changes," said Milojevic.

Showcase Ontario is the largest public sector information technology education event in Canada, drawing participants from across the country and around the world to learn ways to serve citizens better through the use of information technology.

By winning a Merit Award, the City of Brampton qualifies for a Showcase Ontario Diamond Award, which will be presented at the Showcase Ontario Awards of Excellence Dinner on Sept. 20 in the City of Toronto.

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