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**Record participation for CargoM Career Day:
More than 1,500 people attend the event**
Hundreds of jobs available in transportation and logistics

Montréal, November 19, 2018 – CargoM, the Logistics and Transportation Metropolitan Cluster of Montréal, today held its major recruitment and trade demonstration event in the presence of Mr. Robert Beaudry, Head of Economic Development and Trade and Government Relations on the Executive Committee of the City of Montréal. More than 1,500 participants and members of the logistics and maritime, road, rail and air transportation industries gathered at Port of Montréal’s Grand Quay to learn about the hundreds of positions currently available in these fast-growing sectors.

“The joint effort by members of the logistics and transportation sector to find solutions for recruiting personnel is remarkable,” said Jean Boulet, Québec Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity. “Our government is committed to supporting our companies in order to foster their development, and seeing this kind of mobilization motivates us even further. We intend to work with this sector, as well as with all of our labour market partners, to make Québec even more prosperous.”

“This 3rd edition was a real success!” said Mathieu Charbonneau, Executive Director of CargoM. “We welcomed a record number of participants, as well as more than 55 employers and educational institutions, and presented a rich program highlighting the numerous job opportunities in the industry. During the day, the many interested candidates had the opportunity to meet employers of choice looking for a skilled workforce to continue their growth. Numerous interviews were held onsite and hiring is already in the process of being finalized in the coming days.”

Presented by CN, with the financial support of the Government of Québec, this event aims to promote these dynamic sectors and their many career opportunities to students, recent graduates and candidates looking for a new challenge. “A number of specialized schools and educational institutions took advantage of the event to present their training programs and to meet with the next generation of workers. The presence of hundreds of students today demonstrates their keen interest in our industry,” added Mr. Charbonneau.

Many jobs to be filled quickly

The freight and logistics transportation industry offers many interesting careers for recent graduates as well as for experienced workers looking for a new job. Labour needs will increase over the next few years as many workers retire and many projects take off. "According to a study conducted by [Camo-route](#), more than 20,000 Class 1 driver positions will have to be filled within 24 months, not counting the needs for other classes and dispatchers. With regards to maritime officers, for example, the placement rate for graduates of the [Institut maritime du Québec](#) is 100%. In addition, jobs in the logistics, rail and air sectors also offer a variety of interesting opportunities to be seized," Mr. Charbonneau noted.

A multi-faceted event

Several highlights marked this event:

- Job interviews and networking among candidates and employers;
- Flash interviews organized by the team responsible for the Interconnection Program of the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Montréal;
- Presentations about training programs in logistics and freight transportation;
- Conferences on the various trades related to transportation presented by the Québec Trucking Association, CN, the Corporation of Mid St. Lawrence Pilots and Edu GoPro;
- Interactive zone, including trucks, a Zodiac as well as simulators for driving trucks and trains and crane operation.

About CargoM

Created in 2012, CargoM (www.cargo-Montréal.ca - [@CargoMtl](#)) brings together the players in Greater Montréal's logistics and freight transport industry, educational institutions, research centres, sector associations and unions around shared objectives in order to increase cohesiveness, competitiveness, growth and reach. The logistics and transportation industry in the greater metropolitan area represents 120,000 jobs in transportation and warehousing, 6,000 institutions and over \$4.3 billion in economic benefits for Greater Montréal.

CargoM's activities receive financial support from the Ministry of Economy and Innovation, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal (CMM), and all its members.

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