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Calgary welcomes the Society of Petroleum Engineers' Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition to Canada for the first time

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Sept. 26, 2019 – A key function of Tourism Calgary is to support the attraction, development and activation of meetings, conventions and incentive travel. From a city-building perspective, these events promote the destination, profile our business community, attract visitors and stimulate the economy. Tourism Calgary is excited to welcome the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition (ATCE) to Calgary – and Canada – for the first time. Taking place at the BMO Centre from Sept. 30 to Oct. 2, this event will draw more than 5,000 oil and gas professionals and is estimated to inject \$5 million in economic impact into Calgary's economy.

"Calgary has a long and proud history of hosting international meetings and conventions that promote local industries and the destination, while contributing to the economy," says Carson Ackroyd, Senior Vice President of Sales, Tourism Calgary. "As the ultimate host city, we are eager to welcome the Society of Petroleum Engineers delegates from more than 145 countries to Calgary for an engaging conference and the chance to experience the genuine hospitality of Calgarians."

Throughout the three-day event, the world's technical energy experts will have the opportunity to attend presentations, engage in industry-related debates and see the latest in oil and gas technology. Several technical sessions and events have also been scheduled to focus on the important role oil and gas production plays, both regionally and nationally.

"The Society of Petroleum Engineers is excited to host its Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition in Canada for the first time. This gives our members a unique opportunity to gain insight into the advantages and challenges associated with Canada's oil and gas sector," says Sami Alnuaim, 2019 Society of Petroleum Engineers President.

"As a third generation Calgarian, Petroleum Engineer, and first ever Canadian President of the SPE, I am absolutely thrilled to welcome the world to Calgary for ATCE. This event will give Calgarians a glimpse into our Society of Professionals in Energy, and our global wholistic view of providing energy," says Darcy Spady, 2018 Society of Petroleum Engineers President and resident Calgarian.

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