

Speech (*Check Against Delivery*)

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INTRODUCTION

- Welcome.
- Thank you for coming.
- Here to continue to foster relationships and attract productions to Alberta.

FINANCIAL INCENTIVES

- Alberta has competitive incentives for both foreign service productions and co-productions.
- The Alberta Multimedia Development Fund offers a flexible program that can accommodate a broad range of needs.
- You'll also find lower costs for most services in part because we have no provincial sales tax in Alberta.

AWARD-WINNING CREWS

- In addition to the financial advantages ...Alberta's award-winning crews and seasoned production companies (for those looking to co-produce), have the expertise as well as the experience to support any project.
- There are few places where you'll find people as skilled in production as in Alberta.

STUNNING AND DIVERSE LOCATIONS

- All this is complemented by some of the most stunning and diverse locations in the world.
- Alberta has been the backdrop for stories set in the US, Europe, Russia, Japan and the Arctic – as well as prehistoric, modern and futuristic eras.
- From the foothills to the Rocky Mountains; from westerns to sci fi; Alberta has starred in many Oscar and Emmy nominated projects...and can most recently be seen in *Inception*.
- You'll soon see more of Alberta on the large screen as we're expecting several large US productions to film in our province this year.

PERMANENT SOUND STAGES

- Also have one permanent sound stage in Edmonton, in the northern part of Alberta; and a soon to be second one in Calgary – in the southern part of the province.
- This new facility, which we're calling the Creative Hub, will be state of the art and will include multiple sound stages, production studios, offices, interactive media and new technology development facilities.

CONCLUSION

- Leading the way in Alberta.
- Hope you'll consider making our province the location for your next project.
- Have a few folks here from the Alberta industry including Alberta Film Commissioner, Jeff Brinton.
- Feel free to chat with any of us if you have any questions. Enjoy!