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## **Senator Tony Dean Winner of the 2017 Minerva Canada Education Award of Honour**

**Toronto (May, 2017)** – Minerva Canada Safety Management Education Inc. has announced the winner of its 2017 Minerva Education Award of Honour. The award, established in 2011, recognizes individuals from academia, government, industry and Health and Safety (H&S) Associations for their long-standing contributions to advance health and safety education in Canadian post secondary teaching institutions. The recipient of the 2017 award is Senator Tony Dean, Senate of Ottawa.

Tony Pasteris, President of Minerva Canada, presented the awards at a dinner following the Minerva Learning Forum at Carleton University on May 4, 2017

Tony Dean was appointed to the Senate of Canada on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Prior to his appointment, Senator Dean was a professor at the School of Public Policy and Governance at the University of Toronto and continues his association with the School as a Distinguished Senior Fellow. He has advised governments and international organizations on public service reform and building capacity for policy-making and delivery.

From 2002 to 2008, Senator Dean was Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Ontario Public Service. He is a recipient of the Order of Ontario.

Senator Dean has chaired several expert advisory panels. In 2010, Senator Dean chaired an Expert Panel examining workplace health and safety in Ontario. His report, presented to the Minister of Labour in December 2010, has been described as a road map to safer work sites in Ontario. It led to the creation of Bill 160 and the creation of the Ontario Prevention Council, led by the Chief Prevention Officer. The Expert Panel provided 46 recommendations on a list of various issues to enhance Health and Safety in the workplace, including recommendations on advancing education and training in post-secondary and vocational trades programs.

## Minerva Canada Safety Management Education Inc.

Minerva Canada is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting the teaching of Safety, Health and Environmental (SHE) Management in post secondary schools across Canada. It targets the educators of tomorrow's leaders by encouraging colleges and universities to embed SHE management education into the core curricula of business and engineering programs. Research has repeatedly shown that effective, productive and profitable companies have a CEO and senior management team who understand the benefits of SHE management systems and processes and are committed to them. SHE management education is a fundamental cornerstone of an effective corporate safety culture. Minerva consists of volunteers from industry, government, academia and safety associations.

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