

## Canada-US Border & Security Tracking Study - Americans Keen on Security and Border Co-operation with Canada

Integrated Canada/US energy policy receives highest co-operation score

OTTAWA, Feb. 26 /PRNewswire/ - A new cross-border survey of Canadians and Americans released by polling firm SES Research found Americans are very supportive of greater co-operation with Canada on issues ranging from an integrated energy policy through to border security and anti-terrorism measures.

With the start of the Cross Border Summit in Washington, hosted by the US Chamber of Commerce, this research brings into clarity the appetite for co-operation between Canada and the United States. Currently the US Chamber of Commerce is hosting Ontario Premier McGuinty and the Premiers of Quebec, New Brunswick and Manitoba in Washington to discuss Canada-US affairs and the western hemisphere travel initiative.

"More than eight of ten Americans support greater co-operation with Canada on border security, anti-terrorism measures and having an integrated energy policy," explained SES President Nikita Nanos.

Support for greater co-operation with Canada cut across all regions of the United States. In Canada, however, Quebecers, although still supportive of co-operation with the US, were more likely to have less intense support for co-operation.

The strong area of agreement related to having an integrated energy policy to remove a dependence on Middle East oil. Almost nine of ten Americans thought it was important to have an integrated energy policy (89%) and 85% of Canadians thought the integrated energy policy was important.

SES Research, in partnership with the State University of New York at Buffalo, has embarked on a co-operative research initiative to conduct an annual profile of the Canada-U.S. Relationship. The research was conducted independently by SES and the University at Buffalo and sponsored by Magavern, Magavern & Grimm LLP (Buffalo, New York) and the Bridge and Tunnel Operators Association. The online surveys, newly released today, were conducted between August 28 and August 30th, 2006. 1,055 Canadians and 1,089 Americans were surveyed for the initiative. The results are representative of the populations in both Canada and the United States.

For a detailed review of the survey tables, please visit the SES Research website at <http://www.sesresearch.com>.

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