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**FOUR WINNERS IN THE *MIND YOUR RETIREMENT* CONTEST OF
LAURENTIAN BANK SHARE \$40,000 IN RRSP CONTRIBUTIONS**

Montreal, May 18, 2006 – Four winners in the *MIND YOUR RETIREMENT* contest launched by Laurentian Bank of Canada on October 1, 2005, have each received \$10,000 in RRSP contributions: Ms. Louise Brochu (Boucherville), Mr. Pierre Baribeau (Montreal), Ms. Isabelle Desjardins (Lachine), and Mr. Franco Rillo (Lorraine).

To enter the contest, one simply had to update his/her investor profile, to prepare a retirement strategy with a branch advisor, to transfer a registered product held at another financial institution, to contribute to a RRSP, to sign up for a periodic investment plan, or to increase the transfer amount of an existing periodic investment plan.

About Laurentian Bank of Canada

Laurentian Bank of Canada is a Quebec banking institution operating across Canada, dedicated to meeting the financial needs of its clients through the excellence of its service, its simplicity and its proximity. The Bank serves individual consumers, small and medium-sized businesses as well as, through B2B Trust, independent financial advisors. It also provides full-service brokerage solutions through the Laurentian Bank Securities subsidiary. Laurentian Bank is well established in the Province of Quebec, operating the third largest retail branch network, and is a performing player in specific market segments elsewhere in the country. Laurentian Bank of Canada has over \$16 billion in balance sheet assets and close to \$15 billion in assets under administration. Founded in 1846, the Bank employs more than 3,000 people. Its common shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX: LB). For more information, please visit www.laurentianbank.ca.

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