Awarding of Public Contracts in Quebec.
Savoir-faire Linux has filed a motion for a
declaratory judgment against the government of Québec.

Montreal March 16, 2008   Savoir-faire Linux hasfiled a motion for a declaratory judgment against the *Régie des Rentes du Québec* regarding a contract awarded to Microsoft. The company feels that regulations and policies on the awarding of public contracts have not been observed, as no call for tenders has been announced.

In Québec, access to public contracts is the rule, while awarding a contract without a call for tenders is the exception. In principle, a contract must be made available to all, in a transparent and fair manner. Presented solutions and propositions must then be objectively evaluated based on criteria that are both known and accepted by all.

Savoir-faire Linux has made several requests to the *Régie des rentes du Québec*, but the organisation is maintaining its decision to renew their software without launching a call for tenders. Savoir-faire Linux is now calling upon the courts to declare that the *Régie* cannot proceed in this manner and that it must give all suppliers, including free software suppliers, the chance to bid.

To this effect, a motion for a declaratory judgment was filed with the Superior Court of Québec last Friday in Québec City. For more information, please see the motion to institute proceedings for a declaratory judgment and the sworn statement given by Mr. Cyrille Béraud, President of Savoir-faire Linux inc., both available at:

http://blogs.savoirfairelinux.net/cyrilleberaud/rrqda02481--.html

About Savoir-faire Linux:

An industry leader in both Québec and Canada since its establishment in 1999, Savoir-faire Linux specializes in free software services. Through its three offices located in Montréal, Québec and Ottawa, Savoir-faire Linux provides consulting, training, software development and expertise centre services to 400 businesses around the world.

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