**Stephen Harper urges Canadians to make the right choice on election day**

**The Prime Minister discusses the next phase of Canada’s Economic Action Plan**

**OTTAWA, April 8, 2011/CNW/** – Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced the next phase of Canada’s Economic Action Plan – a platform he calls, “Here for Canada,” that focuses on affordable benefits and tax reductions for Canadian families. The plan encompasses five important themes, designed to ensure all Canadians are receiving the most from their government, and will be implemented if and when the current Conservative government has been re-elected.

In a speech made in Mississauga today, Prime Minister Harper spoke in detail of the platform’s five sets of policies, which establish the ways in which the Conservative government plans to continue delivering real results and tangible low-tax benefits to all Canadians. The economy is the first of the five main themes and one that the Harper government has pursued from the beginning – a low-tax plan for jobs and growth that will encourage economic activity.

“My number one concern is to provide affordable choices for Canadians while continuing to increase government revenue,” says Prime Minister Harper. “This will never change, because I understand that a country and its government cannot tax its way to prosperity, nor can we create jobs by simply raising taxes.”

Along with its responsibility toward the Canadian economy, the “Here for Canada” platform also pays special mind to the construction of a better future for our children, responsible finance, safer streets and neighbourhoods, and a continuing commitment to our men and women in uniform.

“This election is really simple – you can either choose to move forward with our Conservative government, or take several steps backward by following Mr. Ignatieff’s Liberals, the NDP or the Bloc Québécois,” says Prime Minister Harper. “The only real way forward is to choose a strong, stable, national, majority, Conservative Government.”

**About Stephen Harper and the Conservative Party of Canada**

The Conservative Party of Canada was established in 2003 and was formed by the merger of the Canadian Alliance and the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada. In 2006, Stephen Harper was elected Prime Minister of Canada and since then the Harper Government has been steadily leading Canada through the economic recession with its low-tax plan for jobs and growth. Stephen Harper is dedicated to building a stronger, prouder, more prosperous Canada by delivering real results for everyday Canadian families.

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