CALL FOR APPLICATIONS CHICA-CANADA REPRESENTATIVE TO CANADIAN STANDARDS ASSOCIATION STRATEGIC STEERING COMMITTEE (SSC) ON HEALTH CARE

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF SSC ON HEALTH CARE

The SSC's role is to provide strategic advice to CSA's health care program. The health care program covers a wide range of subject areas and is in the process of updating its terms of reference and focusing its scope. Currently the standards development committees address areas such as medical devices, blood transfusion, cell/tissue/organ transplantation, medical labs, health care facility engineering, medical gas systems, and sterilization of medical devices. The SSC has identified health care facilities and infection control as key priorities.

CHICA-Canada is seeking a representative to serve as a voting member of the SSC on Health Care. This person would bring forth input and suggestions regarding health care standards and related products. In addition, the SSC approves Technical Committee leadership (Chair/Vice-Chair), terms of reference, and the scope of new standards. Membership is national and includes representatives of hospitals/end-users, governments (provincial and federal), industry/manufacturers, and other experts (e.g., academics, consultants, associations).

The SSC meets approximately once per year (in person) with teleconferences in between as needed (approx. 1-2). Financial assistance to attend the in-person meeting is provided by CHICA-Canada. A representative in the vicinity of Mississauga, Ontario is preferred but not mandatory.

This is a three year volunteer appointment, renewable one time.

Applicants must possess the following qualifications and agree to the following terms:

- Is a current (2012) member of CHICA-Canada, having held membership for at least 5 years and must maintain membership for the duration of their appointment;
- Must have a Certification in Infection Control & Epidemiology (CIC) or specialty training in epidemiology, surveillance, or infectious disease;
- A minimum of 5 years experience in Infection Prevention and Control;
- Is able to attend conference calls as required and the annual in-person meeting;
- Has the time, commitment and support of their facility to serve CHICA-Canada and CSA through this
 position;
- Will provide a written report directly to the CHICA-Canada Director of Standards & Guidelines immediately after each meeting or teleconference.

APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

- A letter from applicant expressing interest in the position and demonstrating suitability for the position;
- A curriculum vitae that includes details as to Infection Prevention and Control experience;
- Professional expertise and education, specialty training and expertise, and CHICA-Canada involvement such as service as a CHICA-Canada Board Member, as a chapter executive, or on a CHICA-Canada Standing Committee.

Applications must be received no later than **February 15, 2012.**

Applications should be forwarded by email to: Executive Director CHICA-Canada chicacanada@mts.net