

## **Scotiabank Offers Cash Prize to Savers**

**BELIZE CITY, March 6, 2006** – It could be you. That's Scotiabank's promise to everyone in Belize – give our Bank a try and you could be a big cash winner. Until June 30, 2006, new and existing customers can enter to win \$75,000 by setting up a Scotiabank chequing account, savings account, or term deposit.

“Scotiabank's cash prize promotion is designed to help people build their savings by setting up Scotiabank accounts,” said Scotiabank Managing Director, Pat Andrews. “Once people give us a try, they may not only win big cash, but also find their savings growing to fund something special like their children's education, a downpayment, or a home renovation.”

Here's how it works. Every month for four months starting March 6, 2006, Scotiabank customers earn one chance for every \$1,000 they have on deposit and 2 bonus chances for every \$1,000 they add to their balance. By setting up convenient Pre-Authorized Contributions they can reach their savings goals even faster. There's no limit to the chances they can earn over the 4-month contest period. Check your local branch for further details.

Scotiabank has been part of the Caribbean and Central America region since 1889 when the Bank opened its first office in Kingston, Jamaica. Some 117 years later, Scotiabank is the leading bank in the Caribbean and Central America, with operations in 25 countries, including affiliates. Scotiabank employs about 10,160 people in the region who serve more than two million customers. The Bank has nearly 370 branches and operates about 780 ATMs throughout the region.

Scotiabank is one of North America's premier financial institutions and Canada's most international bank. With more than 50,000 employees, Scotiabank Group and its affiliates serve about 10 million customers in some 50 countries around the world. Scotiabank offers a diverse range of products and services including personal, commercial, corporate and investment banking. With \$325 billion in assets (as at January 31, 2006), Scotiabank trades on the Toronto (BNS) and New York (BNS) Stock Exchanges. For more information please visit [www.scotiabank.com](http://www.scotiabank.com)