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FuturEd Inc. is launching a new international project to create **ePortfolio Quality Standards**.

An ePortfolio is an electronic learning record or inventory of all the things a person knows and can do. FuturEd's mission is to ensure that a person's ePortfolio is usable wherever and whenever that person applies for a job or registers for more education or training.

Currently, ePortfolio are very different and are not transferable among workplaces and learning institutions. Which one is the right one? What are the common features of useful ePortfolio?

The purpose of this international project is to create consensus-based industry quality standards for the ePortfolio so that both creators and users can compare ePortfolio tools and make informed choices. The term "quality standards" means that people should find their ePortfolio to be effective and efficient.

In 2002, FuturEd Inc. launched the CanREGs – the Canadian Recommended E-learning Guidelines. They are the only consumer-based e-learning quality standards and they are used by QualitE-Learning Assurance Inc. (www.eQcheck.com) to assess and certify the quality of eLearning products and services. FuturEd has a commitment to keeping the CanREGs current and is now organizing industry input to do that.

The CanREGs say that one necessary standard of good eLearning is to provide a means by which individuals can add what they've learned to their learning record or ePortfolio. The purpose of this project is to set out the specific conditions and factors that will ensure the creation of efficient and effective ePortfolios.

Complete project details are found in the *ePortfolio Quality Standards Discussion Paper* (FuturEd, 2003) available in the NEWS section at www.FuturEd.com. All input is welcome, and a panel of experts will agree to the Quality Standards.

One of the first workshops will be held at the October ePortfolio conference of the European Commission in Poitiers, France (www.eife-l.org/portfolio) where Dr. Barker is delivering a keynote address.

For more information on the ePortfolio, check the e-Library at www.FuturEd.com.

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