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Finalists for 2009 Alberta Business Awards of Distinction



EDMONTON – Businesses in our province have learned to flourish in Alberta’s ever-changing economy, and the 30 finalists for the 2009 Alberta Business Awards of Distinction Alberta Chambers of Commerce (ACC) are prime examples of this tenet.

Every year the Alberta Chambers of Commerce hosts the Alberta Business Awards of Distinction to celebrate excellence in the business community. This year’s 18th annual awards program features nine categories designed to recognize resourceful business practices that nurture young employees, offer employment to Aboriginals and persons with disabilities, and recognize successful marketing techniques.

Every finalist is eligible for the Premier’s Award of Distinction, which will be presented, along with the rest of the awards, on Feb. 27 at a gala evening at the Marriott River Cree Resort in Edmonton.

For more information on the Alberta Business Awards of Distinction, please visit www.abbusinessawards.ab.ca.

The 2009 sponsors are the following: Alberta Aboriginal Relations, Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission, Alberta Employment and Immigration, Chartered Accountants of Alberta, Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers, the Edmonton and Calgary Suns, Magic 99, CANDO, Chambers of Commerce Group Insurance Plan, and the Alberta Chambers of Commerce.

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NOTE: A list of finalists for the 2009 Alberta Business Awards of Distinction is attached

Finalists

2009 Alberta Business Awards of Distinction

Aboriginal Woman Entrepreneur Award of Distinction

MadDog Sales & Marketing Incorporated – Sherwood Park
Muskwa Productions and Consulting – Tsuu T'ina

Aboriginal Youth Entrepreneur Award of Distinction

Hytek Computer Sales and Service Limited – Rocky Mountain House

Diversity Leadership Award of Distinction

Chrysalis – Edmonton
Cobra Group – Peace River
Frito Lay Canada – Lethbridge

Employer of Persons with Disabilities Award of Distinction

ANCO Business Solutions – Lethbridge
CHAT TV – Redcliff
Newell Recycling Association – Brooks
Rogers Insurance Limited – Calgary
Canada Safeway Limited – Calgary

Employer of Youth Award of Distinction

Good Earth Café – Calgary
Rosebud Theatre – Rosebud
Pumphouse Theatres Society – Calgary

Small Business Award of Distinction

Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematorium – Lethbridge
Frog Incorporated – Balzac
Mathieu Hryniuk LLP – Peace River
Tudor Glen Veterinary Hospital – St. Albert

Marketing Award of Distinction

Francomedia – Calgary
Revovideo – St. Albert
Spindle, Stairs & Railings – Calgary

Aboriginal Relations – Best Practice Award of Distinction

Canada Safeway Limited – Calgary
Compass Group PLC – Calgary
Devon Canada Corporation – Calgary
Savanna Energy Services Corporation – Calgary

Aboriginal Relations – Eagle Feather Award of Distinction

Asqua Industrial Limited – Fort McMurray
Aseniwuche Development Corporation – Grande Cache
Lifestyles Health & Fitness Concepts Inc. – Cochrane
Peace Hills Trust Company – Edmonton
Samson Management Limited – Hobbema

Premier's Award of Distinction

The Premier's Award of Distinction is presented to the organization that best embodies the Alberta Advantage, exhibits overall outstanding achievement and leadership in Alberta, and demonstrates ongoing and consistent involvement in community events and organizations locally and/or provincially.

All finalists from each category are automatically eligible, and considered for, this award.