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2009 ABEX Finalists Announced

The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the 2009 Achievement in Business Excellence (ABEX) Award finalists. 51 exceptional businesses have been selected as finalists in the 14 ABEX Award categories.

“Our province is home to some incredibly innovative businesses and the 2009 ABEX finalists highlight not only the incredible perseverance of Saskatchewan business through this uncertain economic time, but the potential of our province in the future,” noted Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce CEO Steve McLellan.

Finalists for the 2009 ABEX Awards represent a variety of towns and cities throughout Saskatchewan.

“From Saskatoon to Rouleau, Regina to Leross and everywhere in between, entrepreneurs in Saskatchewan are growing the economy, creating jobs and improving our province,” continued McLellan. “The ABEX Awards offer an opportunity for us to showcase and applaud these accomplishments.”

The ABEX Awards were established 26 years ago to celebrate the achievements of private sector businesses in Saskatchewan. Since then, they have become the largest private sector business awards in the province with over hundreds business leaders attending the Awards last year. Hundreds of Saskatchewan businesses have also participated in the ABEX Awards as either a nominee or finalist.

The ABEX Awards are open to any private sector business registered to operate in Saskatchewan regardless of size, location or industry.

Winners will be announced at the 2009 ABEX Awards Dinner being held on Saturday, October 24, 2009 at TCU Place in Saskatoon. Tickets for the ABEX Awards are available online at www.saskchamber.com.

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The 2009 ABEX Award Finalists

The TIA New Saskatchewan Product Award Sponsored by the Saskatchewan Research Council

Draganfly Innovations,
Saskatoon

Bio-Extraction,
Saskatoon

Axe-Wax OilField Services,
Weyburn

Seed Hawk,
Langbank

Picatic E-Tickets,
Saskatoon

The New Venture Award Sponsored by Enterprise Saskatchewan

Canadian Relocation Solutions,
Saskatoon

Muenster Powder Coating and Design,
Muenster

Clans on Broadway,
Saskatoon

Driven Automotive Repair and
Detailing Center
Regina

Team Drilling,
Saskatoon

The Environment Award Sponsored by SaskWater

WSE Technologies
Saskatoon

Rescan Environmental Services Ltd.
Saskatoon

Hub City Iron & Metal
Saskatoon

Ground Effects Environmental
Regina

La Bodega
Regina

The Business Leader of the Year Award
Sponsored by Viterra Inc.

Joel Teal, President
Dundee Developments, Saskatoon

Clay Dowling, President
Ghost Transportation Services, Saskatoon

Keith Brown, CEO
Trailtech Inc., Gravelbourg

Harry Watson, President
Triple 4 Advertising, Moose Jaw

Monica Kreuger, President
Global Infobrokers, Saskatoon

The Award for Job Creation
Sponsored by WorkSafe Saskatchewan

Central Asphalt & Paving
Saskatoon

Fast Genetics
Spiritwood

AMEC Americas Limited
Saskatoon

Point2 Technologies
Saskatoon

Milligan Bio-Tech
Foam Lake

The Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award
Sponsored by Cameco

Lorraine Forster, President
Prairie's Edge Development Corp.,
Humboldt

Lyle Weichel, CEO
WestSource Solutions Inc., Regina

Dirk Propp, CEO
IIBC, Saskatoon

Denny Huyghebaert and Toni Kolskog
Slice Athletic Wear, Regina

Danny Elder, Owner
OffAxis, Regina

The Marketing Award

Seed Hawk
Langbank

Groovy Mama
Regina

Saskatoon Motor Products
Saskatoon

Shaunavon Credit Union
Shaunavon

Cravings Maternity & Baby Boutique
Saskatoon

The Service Award

North Ridge Development Corporation
Saskatoon

Dutch Growers Home and Garden
Regina

Border Line Feeders
Ceylon

1-800-Got-Junk? Regina
Regina

SUCCESS Office Systems
Regina

The Investment Award **Sponsored by PFM Capital Inc.**

Richardson International Ltd., Yorkton

Triple 4 Advertising, Moose Jaw

Bio-Extraction, Saskatoon

The Export Award **Sponsored by the Saskatchewan Trade and Export Partnership**

Larson Hides Ltd., Leross

Mustard Capital Inc., Gravelbourg

Kinnaird Bagpipes & Reeds, Saskatoon

The Community Involvement Award
Sponsored by Canadian Bankers Association

Affinity Credit Union,
Saskatoon

Border Line Feeders
Ceylon

North Ridge Development Corporation,
Saskatoon

Pic-Man Tattoo
Saskatoon

The Health Innovation Award
Sponsored by MD Ambulance Care Ltd.,
Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region and Saskatoon Health Region

TinyEYE Therapy Services, Saskatoon

Spalding Orthopedic Design Inc., Rouleau

Horizon Laser Vision Center, Regina

The Aboriginal Business Award
Sponsored by SaskEnergy

ACS Aboriginal Consulting Services, Saskatoon

Triple 4 Advertising, Moose Jaw

Team Drilling, Saskatoon

The Training Excellence Award
Sponsored by Enterprise Saskatchewan

West Wind Aviation, Saskatoon

Travelodge Hotel Saskatoon, Saskatoon

Alliance Energy Group of Companies, Regina