

ABEX Awards finalists named

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The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce announced Thursday the 51 finalists for the 2009 Achievement in Business Excellence (ABEX) awards.

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

The following are the finalists in the 14 ABEX award categories:

- New Saskatchewan Product: Draganfly Innovations, Saskatoon; Axe-Wax OilField Services, Weyburn; Picatic E-Tickets, Saskatoon; Bio-Extraction, Saskatoon; Seed Hawk, Langbank.
- New Venture: Canadian Relocation Solutions, Saskatoon; Clans on Broadway, Saskatoon; Team Drilling, Saskatoon; Muenster Powder Coating and Design, Muenster; Driven Automotive Repair and Detailing Centre, Regina.
- Environment: WSE Technologies, Saskatoon; Hub City Iron & Metal, Saskatoon; La Bodega, Regina; Rescan Environmental Services Ltd., Saskatoon; Ground Effects Environmental, Regina.
- Business Leader of the Year: 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,
- Job Creation: Central Asphalt & Paving, Saskatoon; Fast Genetics, Spiritwood; AMEC Americas Limited, Saskatoon; Point2 Technologies, Saskatoon; Milligan Bio-Tech, Foam Lake.
- Young Entrepreneur of the Year: 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.
- Marketing: Seed Hawk, Langbank; Saskatoon Motor Products, Saskatoon; Cravings Maternity & Baby Boutique, Saskatoon; Groovy Mama, Regina; Shaunavon Credit Union, Shaunavon.
- Service: North Ridge Development Corp., Saskatoon; Border Line Feeders, Ceylon; Success Office Systems, Regina; Dutch Growers Home and Garden, Regina; 1-800-Got-Junk? Regina, Regina.
- Investment: Richardson International Ltd., Yorkton; Triple 4 Advertising, Moose Jaw; Bio-Extraction, Saskatoon.

- Export: Larson Hides Ltd., Leross; Mustard Capital Inc., Gravelbourg; Kinnaird Bagpipes & Reeds, Saskatoon.

- Community Involvement: Affinity Credit Union, Saskatoon; North Ridge Development Corp., Saskatoon; Border Line Feeders, Ceylon; Pic-Man Tattoo, Saskatoon.

- Health Innovation: Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region and Saskatoon Health Region; TinyEye Therapy Services, Saskatoon; Spalding Orthopedic Design Inc., Rouleau; Horizon Laser Vision Center, Regina.

- Aboriginal Business, sponsored by SaskEnergy: ACS Aboriginal Consulting Services, Saskatoon; Triple 4 Advertising, Moose Jaw; Team Drilling, Saskatoon.

- Training Excellence: West Wind Aviation, Saskatoon; Travelodge Hotel Saskatoon, Saskatoon; Alliance Energy Group of Companies, Regina.

Winners will be announced at the 2009 ABEX awards dinner on Oct. 24 at TCU Place in Saskatoon.

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