

The Alberta Business Awards of Distinction

ABORIGINAL RELATIONS BEST PRACTICE AWARD OF DISTINCTION



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The Mark of Excellence

The Alberta Business Awards of Distinction celebrate the successes and contributions of the business community to the makeup of Alberta. The Awards are presented by the Alberta Chambers of Commerce along with our sponsor organizations. 2010 marks the 19th year for the Alberta Business Awards of Distinction, which will be presented at a Gala Banquet.

The Awards recognize savvy in areas from youth employment to exporting and business ethics to human rights. For a complete listings of all of the Awards be sure to check out the web site at www.abbusinessawards.ab.ca

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

The Aboriginal Relations – Best Practice Award of Distinction is given to a non-Aboriginal business that demonstrates outstanding achievements in Aboriginal relations, including economic development, employment and training, and Aboriginal community support.

This award recognizes a non-Aboriginal business that best links these pillars and is recognized by the Aboriginal community as such. Applicants are encouraged to provide examples of best practices that illustrate ongoing commitment and continual improvement in this endeavor.

You may provide a brief answers in the online form and submit it electronically, visit www.abbusinessawards.ab.ca or www.edo.ca You may print this form out, answer the questions with more detail and send some samples or other supporting documents, if you wish to the CANDO office.

In other words, we want to hear from you, however, we want you to feel most comfortable and confident responding to our questions. If you have any questions or concerns about your eligibility or application, please call or email:

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If you would like to nominate a business or organization just give us the name of the business, a contact name and phone number or email address and we will contact them and ask them to provide all the details for the application.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be a valid entry in the Alberta Business Awards of Distinction, your business must:

- have operated in Alberta for a minimum of three years;
- be operating in Alberta and continue to do so at the time of the awards presentation;
- employ Albertans to produce goods and/or provide services;
- not have won in the same category in the past three years; and
- not have anyone in your management, on your board, or in your employ serving on the Alberta Business Awards of Distinction judging committee for this category.

SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the General Eligibility, applicants must meet the following specific requirements. To begin your application process, please provide details for each requirement as it relates to your organization in the space provided.

- ❑ 1. have incorporated the concepts of Aboriginal relations, including economic development, employment and training, and community support into their operations and can demonstrate the value-added benefits, and
- ❑ 2. have implemented the *Best Practices* in at least one Alberta community.

BUSINESS PROFILE

Yes! My business wishes to compete in the Alberta Business Awards of Distinction. I hereby certify that my business meets the general eligibility requirements and specific category requirements, and that the information provided on this profile and in my entry package is correct to the best of my knowledge. If chosen as a finalist, I agree to allow the use of my business profile and photographs for publicity by the Alberta Business Awards of Distinction, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, CANDO, the Alberta Chamber of Commerce and Alberta Employment and Immigration.

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* All Fields required.

Business Name* _____

Name of Owner(s) or CEO* _____

Title* _____

Address (Head Office) * _____

City* _____

Address (Operating Office) * _____

Postal Code* _____

Phone* () _____ Fax * () _____

E-mail* _____

Web site _____

Number of Employees in Alberta* _____

Date of Incorporation (if applicable) (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Date operations commenced in Alberta * (YYYY) _____

Product and/or Service supplied* _____

Name of Submitter* _____

Title* _____

Submitter Phone* () _____ Submitter Fax () _____

Submitter E-mail* _____

Provide any additional information that might be useful to the judges. List any attachments.

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COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING IN DETAIL

1. Overview:

Provide a brief description of your company(s) operations, products and/or service(s), the community(s) in which you operate; the history of your company's relationship with Aboriginal peoples and communities, including why your company has committed to effective Aboriginal relations.

2. State your company's commitment, activities, and results in:

- Aboriginal economic development;
- Aboriginal employment and training; and
- Aboriginal community support.

3. Recognition of the Aboriginal Relations-Best Practices

How your company had implemented Aboriginal relations in at least one Alberta community, and the results achieved for the company and the community.

4. Provide any additional information that you think might help us evaluate your submission.



PREMIERS AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Finalist in all categories are eligible for the Premier's Award of Distinction and must complete the form fields below with this specific category entry application to be eligible for the Premier's Award.

Sponsored by Alberta Economic Development, this prestigious award is presented to an Alberta firm that:

- embodies the Alberta Advantage;
- exhibits overall outstanding achievements and leadership in Alberta; and
- demonstrates ongoing, consistent involvement in community events and organizations locally and/or provincially.

The winner will be announced to media across the province and will be presented with a special award at the Gala Banquet.

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How does your organization embody the Alberta Advantage? (e.g. leading edge thinking, risk taking, entrepreneurial practices, environmental responsibility, global focus, fun, friendly attitude)

How does your organization demonstrate outstanding achievement and leadership in Alberta? (e.g. productivity, successful ventures, innovation, diversity, ethical practices)

Describe your organization's ongoing and consistent involvement in community events and organizations locally and/or provincially?

Note: you must submit this application in order for your company to be judged for the Premier's Award of Distinction.

ENTRY DEADLINE

In order to be eligible, your submission must be delivered to the Alberta Chamber of Commerce office no later than **4:00 p.m., November 20th, 2009**

Due to the number of entries received, entry packages cannot be returned.

If you are unable to submit your application electronically, please submit a printed copy of this form and all other documents to the following address:

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- Our company will be submitting additional files, photos and necessary documentation through courier/traditional mail.